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AN ACT

1 Requiring certain government information forms to provide for a
2 multiracial classification.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Multiracial
7 Recognition Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Informational form." Any application, questionnaire or
13 other written document utilized to collect information.

14 "Public entity." The Commonwealth, a political subdivision
15 or an instrumentality of the Commonwealth or a political
16 subdivision.

17 "Racial classification form." An informational form that is

1 specific, either by question or by indicated response, as to
2 racial or ethnic identification of an individual.

3 Section 3. Multiracial classification.

4 (a) Requirement.--Except as provided in subsection (d), a
5 racial classification form utilized by a public entity must
6 contain, or permit a response for, a racial or ethnic
7 classification designated as "multiracial."

8 (b) Prohibition.--Except as provided in subsection (d), a
9 racial classification form utilized by a public entity may not
10 make a racial or ethnic classification designated as "other."

11 (c) Effect.--A racial classification form in violation of
12 this section is invalid.

13 (d) Exception.--This section does not apply to a racial
14 classification printed and stocked by a public entity before
15 July 1, 1995.

16 Section 4. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.