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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 1979

AN ACT

1 Relating to legislative review of regulations.

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

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rules and
6 Regulations Review Act."

7 Section 2. Definitions.

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

11 "Agency." Any department, departmental administrative board
12 or commission, independent board or commission, agency or any
13 other authority of this Commonwealth now existing or hereafter
14 created, but shall not include the Senate or House of
15 Representatives or any court, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission,
16 the Pennsylvania Game Commission, political subdivision,
17 municipal or local authority.

1 "Rule or regulation." Any regulation, proposed or adopted by
2 an agency prescribing or directing activity or forbearance. The
3 term shall not include a proclamation, executive order,
4 directive or other similar document promulgated by the Governor
5 but shall include a rule or regulation which may be promulgated
6 by an agency only with the approval of the Governor.

7 Section 3. Rules and regulations automatically reviewed.

8 (a) Each agency shall transmit any proposed rule or
9 regulation for approval to the appropriate House or Senate
10 Committee where the bill that is the basis for the proposal rule
11 or regulation originated. No rule or regulation may be
12 implemented without the approval of the appropriate committee.

13 (b) The committee shall set forth and transmit its findings
14 and decision to the head of the agency which proposed or adopted
15 the rule or regulation presented for approval.

16 Section 4. Placement on calendar.

17 (a) Any rule or regulation presented for approval to the
18 appropriate committee shall be considered and decided upon
19 within 15 legislative days. The committee shall not have the
20 power to amend the rule or regulation.

21 (b) In the event the committee fails to consider the
22 referral, then on the 15th legislative day after the referral is
23 received, it will be placed on the calendar and a vote shall be
24 taken thereon by the body of the House where the bill that is
25 the basis for the rule or regulation originated. If the vote is
26 not taken on that day, the referral shall automatically become
27 effective.

28 Section 5. Rejection of "proposed rule or regulation."

29 (a) A proposed rule or regulation may be rejected or
30 accepted if a majority of the committee is recorded as voting in

1 favor of such action.

2 (b) A proposed rule or regulation may be rejected or
3 accepted by a majority of the members elected to the House where
4 the bill originated if the committee does not act within the
5 time provided above.

6 Section 6. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.