

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 367

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY FRYER, SWEET, A. C. FOSTER, JR., LEVI AND STUBAN,
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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OCTOBER 25, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), entitled
2 "An act concerning notaries public; and amending, revising,
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further
4 providing for seals; AND MAKING REPEALS. <—

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 12 of the act of August 21, 1953
8 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as The Notary Public Law, is amended
9 to read:

10 Section 12. Notarial Seal.--[Every notary shall provide a
11 public notarial seal with which he shall authenticate all his
12 acts, instruments and attestations. There shall be engraved on
13 such seal the words "Notary Public, Commonwealth of
14 Pennsylvania," and the name and surname of the notary.] (a) A
15 notary public shall provide and keep an official seal which HE <—
16 SHALL USE TO AUTHENTICATE ALL HIS ACTS, INSTRUMENTS AND
17 ATTESTATIONS. THE SEAL shall be a rubber stamp and shall show
18 clearly in the following order: the words "Official Seal,

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"; the name and surname of the
notary and the words "Notary Public"; the name of the political
subdivision and county in which the notary maintains an office;
and the date the notary's commission expires.

(b) The seal shall have a maximum height of one (1) inch and
width of three and one-half (3 1/2) inches, with a plain border.
It shall be stamped in a prominent place on the official
notarial act under the notary's signature in such a manner as to
be capable of photographic reproduction.

~~(c) A notary public shall also provide and keep an embosser
to authenticate all notarial acts, all instruments and all
attestations. There shall be engraved on such embosser the words
"Notary Public, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and the name and
surname of the notary.~~ <—

~~(d) All documents executed shall bear opposite the jurat the
official seal referred to in subsection (a) and a legibly
embossed impression.~~

~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.~~

(C) IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL SEAL REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION
(A), A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL ALSO USE AND KEEP AN EMBOSSE UPON
WHICH SHALL BE ENGRAVED THE WORDS "NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA," AND THE NAME AND SURNAME OF THE NOTARY. ALL
DOCUMENTS EXECUTED SHALL BEAR OPPOSITE THE JURAT A LEGIBLY
EMBOSSD IMPRESSION. <—

SECTION 2. SECTIONS 13 AND 14 OF THE ACT ARE REPEALED.

SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 90 DAYS.