

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SEMMELE, EVANS AND COLAFELLA, APRIL 20, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 20, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.926, No.369), entitled "An  
2 act for the protection of the public health by regulating the  
3 conduct and operation of public eating and drinking places  
4 within this Commonwealth; requiring their licensing; imposing  
5 certain duties on the Department of Health of this  
6 Commonwealth and on the local health authorities; and  
7 providing penalties," providing for notice to customers in  
8 public eating places that foods served contain sulfiting  
9 additives.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.926, No.369),  
13 entitled "An act for the protection of the public health by  
14 regulating the conduct and operation of public eating and  
15 drinking places within this Commonwealth; requiring their  
16 licensing; imposing certain duties on the Department of Health  
17 of this Commonwealth and on the local health authorities; and  
18 providing penalties," is amended by adding a section to read:

19 Section 12.1. All public eating places that use sulfiting  
20 agents as preservatives in the foods served must post

1 conspicuous notices to warn asthmatic customers that sulfiting  
2 agents are being used which may be hazardous to the health of  
3 asthmatic customers. The notice shall be prepared by the  
4 department and sent either to all public eating places or to the  
5 appropriate local agents or inspectors who will distribute the  
6 notices to public eating places in their area. Enforcement of  
7 this section will be carried out by regular inspection of the  
8 premises. Failure to display the notice may result in license  
9 revocation or fine as imposed by this act.

10       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.