

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2005

INTRODUCED BY DERMODY, VEON, COHEN, BELARDI, WALKO, PETRARCA,  
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CURRY, JOSEPHS, FREEMAN, TIGUE, YOUNGBLOOD, GERGELY AND  
THOMAS, OCTOBER 13, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
OCTOBER 13, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for privacy of  
21 certain information possessed by State agencies.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
section to read:

Section 531. Disclosure of Certain Information Prohibited.--

(a) No government agency, as defined by 2 Pa.C.S. § 101  
(relating to definitions), shall sell, disclose or permit access  
to confidential information, as defined in subsection (b), to a  
nongovernment agency, business entity or individual unless  
specifically authorized to do so by law.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "confidential  
information" shall include data and other information gathered,  
obtained by or furnished to a government agency by a citizen of  
this Commonwealth for the purpose of obtaining benefits,  
qualifying for programs or complying with legal or regulatory  
requirements administered or implemented by a government agency.

(c) All contracts contravening the purpose, intent or  
substance of this section, to which a government agency is a  
party, are null and void as of the effective date of this  
section, including contracts entered into prior to the effective  
date of this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.