

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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M. O'BRIEN, ROAE, SIPTROTH AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 22, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 22, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for executive  
3 sessions and for a penalty.

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

6 Section 1. Section 708(a) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
8 § 708. Executive sessions.

9 (a) Purpose.--An agency may hold an executive session for  
10 one or more of the following reasons:

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12 (7) To discuss or plan matters related to safety and  
13 security which if disclosed would jeopardize the integrity of  
14 the agency's safety or security operation or reveal  
15 vulnerability assessments, risks, specific targets or  
16 specific emergency or security procedures or codes.

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18 Section 2. Section 714 of Title 65 is amended to read:

1 § 714. Penalty.

2 Any member of any agency who participates in a meeting with  
3 the intent and purpose by that member of violating this chapter  
4 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be  
5 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [\$100] \$1,000 plus costs  
6 of prosecution[.] for a first offense and a fine not exceeding  
7 \$2,000 plus costs of prosecution for a second or subsequent  
8 offense. An agency shall not make a payment on behalf of or  
9 reimburse a member of an agency for a fine or cost resulting  
10 from the member's violation of this section.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.