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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting public funding of certain plaques projects.

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 Public
6 Construction Plaque Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

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

11 "Agency." A Commonwealth agency, a local agency, a judicial
12 agency or a legislative agency.

13 "Commonwealth agency." Any of the following:

14 (1) Any office, department, authority, board, multistate
15 agency or commission of the executive branch, an independent
16 agency and a State-affiliated entity. The term includes:

17 (i) The Governor's Office.

(ii) The Office of Attorney General, the Department of the Auditor General and the Treasury Department.

(iii) An organization established by the Constitution of Pennsylvania, a statute or an executive order that performs or is intended to perform an essential governmental function.

(2) The term does not include a judicial or legislative agency.

"Judicial agency." A court of this Commonwealth or any other entity or office of the unified judicial system.

"Legislative agency." Any of the following:

- (1) The Senate.
- (2) The House of Representatives.
- (3) The Capitol Preservation Committee.
- (4) The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.
- (5) The Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.
- (6) The Joint State Government Commission.
- (7) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.
- (8) The Legislative Data Processing Committee.
- (9) The Independent Regulatory Review Commission.
- (10) The Legislative Reference Bureau.
- (11) The Local Government Commission.
- (12) The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.
- (13) The Legislative Reapportionment Commission.
- (14) The Legislative Office for Research Liaison.
- (15) The Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

"Local agency." Any of the following:

- (1) Any political subdivision, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school or public trade or

1 vocational school.

2 (2) Any local, intergovernmental, regional or municipal
3 agency, authority, council, board, commission or similar
4 governmental entity.

5 Section 3. Prohibition.

6 No agency may expend public funds for the purpose of
7 purchasing or producing a plaque or sign that identifies a
8 public official, architect, designer, contractor or other person
9 involved in a construction project that is partially or wholly
10 paid for with public funds.

11 Section 4. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.