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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 22, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for
3 confidentiality of personal information of public safety
4 officials.

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

7 Section 1. Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 2

10 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

11 Sec.

12 201. Definitions.

13 202. Confidentiality request.

14 § 201. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Commonwealth agency." As defined in 71 Pa.C.S. § 4102

1 (relating to definitions).

2 "Public safety official." An individual referred to in 18
3 Pa.C.S. § 2702(c) (relating to aggravated assault).

4 § 202. Confidentiality request.

5 (a) Written request.--

6 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon
7 receiving a written request from a public safety official, a
8 political subdivision or a Commonwealth agency may not
9 disclose the home address, personal telephone number or
10 electronic mail address of the public safety official or his
11 or her spouse, child or parent.

12 (2) A written request under paragraph (1) must be signed
13 by the public safety official and must include the name and
14 address of the public safety official and the name of any
15 spouse, child or parent for whom confidentiality is
16 requested.

17 (b) Penalty.--

18 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), a person who
19 knowingly discloses information protected from disclosure
20 under subsection (a) commits a summary offense.

21 (2) A person who commits a second or subsequent
22 violation of this section, or a first offense if the intent
23 of the person was to cause substantial harm or serious
24 inconvenience, constitutes a misdemeanor of the third degree.

25 (c) Rules and regulations.--The Attorney General shall
26 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
27 section.

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