

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ROSSI, SILVIS, GROVE, MILLARD, CAUSER, GLEIM,
MOUL, CIRESI, MAJOR AND COOK, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
34 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the

Commonwealth," in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for notice and publication of lists of property subject to custody and control of the Commonwealth under this article.

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

Section 1. Section 1301.12 heading, (b) introductory paragraph and (c) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1301.12. [Notice] Notices and Publication of Lists of Property Subject to Custody and Control of the Commonwealth under this Article.--* * *

(b) The published notice under subsection (a) shall be entitled "Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property," and shall contain:

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(c) The State Treasurer is not required to include in [such] the notice under subsection (a) published in an English language newspaper of general circulation any item of less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or to include in such notice published in a legal newspaper any item of less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), unless the State Treasurer, in either instance, deems such publication to be in the public interest.

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(d.1) No less frequently than once every five years, the State Treasurer shall determine whether a county, city, borough, township, incorporated town or school district is identified as the apparent owner of property which has been paid or delivered to the State Treasurer under section 1301.13. If a county, city, borough, township, incorporated town or school district is identified to be the apparent owner of such property, the State

1 Treasurer shall notify the appropriate governing body or officer
2 of the county, city, borough, township, incorporated town or
3 school district. The notice shall contain a statement that,
4 according to a report filed with the State Treasurer, property
5 is being held to which the addressee may be entitled.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.