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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 employes 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 employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," establishing the Bureau of  
21 Risk Management in the Governor's Office and providing for  
22 its powers and duties.

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

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
26 as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding a  
27 section to read:

28 Section 709.1. Bureau of Risk Management.--(a) The Bureau

of Risk Management is hereby established in the Office of Administration in the Governor's Office which shall be under the supervision of a director appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all members of the Senate at a salary established by the Executive Board.

(b) The director shall be a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter with a baccalaureate degree in a field of business and at least five years practical experience in insurance agency or brokerage operations. The degree requirement shall be deemed satisfied by two additional years of experience in a managerial capacity.

(c) The director shall have the authority to hire and set employment qualifications for all such professional, technical and clerical staff as may be necessary to carry out proper functions of the bureau.

(d) The bureau shall have the power and its duty shall be:

(1) To identify and evaluate all the risks with which the Commonwealth is faced.

(2) To formulate policies and assume complete responsibility for avoiding, reducing, controlling, assuming and transferring risks.

(3) To prepare detailed specifications for the transferring of risks through insurance.

(4) To direct the Department of Property and Supplies to obtain not less than three proposals from different insurance companies specifying the form, rates, and commissions to be paid to the Commonwealth for each policy determined to be needed by the bureau.

(5) To promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the risk management policies formulated.

1     (6) To have complete access to all departments, bureaus,  
2 boards, agencies, commissions, committees and authorities at all  
3 times for the purpose of identifying and evaluating the  
4 Commonwealth's risk.

5     (7) To consult with the Insurance Department before the  
6 final approval of each insurance contract for its opinion that  
7 the insurer chosen has the requisite financial integrity,  
8 security and sound management to do business with the  
9 Commonwealth.

10    (8) To review each policy selected by the Department of  
11 Property and Supplies for conformity with the stated  
12 specifications, and to give final approval thereto.

13    (9) To recommend legislation to the General Assembly for the  
14 improvement of the Commonwealth's risk management.

15    (10) To do all other things necessary for the proper conduct  
16 of the bureau.

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