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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1995

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PARKER, FISHER AND CESSAR, NOVEMBER 25, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, NOVEMBER 26, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Creating the Department of Human Resources and transferring to  
2 it the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare;  
3 providing that the Secretary of Public Welfare shall be ex  
4 officio, the Secretary of Human Resources; and transferring  
5 personnel, appropriations, allocations, contracts,  
6 agreements, equipment, files, obligations and other material  
7 from the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of  
8 Human Resources.

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

11 Section 1. There is hereby created a Department of Human  
12 Resources. All of the functions, powers and duties of the  
13 Department of Public Welfare are hereby transferred to the  
14 Department of Human Resources.

15 Section 2. The Department of Human Resources shall be  
16 administered by a Secretary of Human Resources. The Secretary of  
17 Public Welfare shall ex officio be the Secretary of Human  
18 Resources.

19 Section 3. (a) Whenever in any law reference is made to the

1 Department of Public Welfare such reference shall be deemed to  
2 refer to and include the Department of Human Resources.

3 (b) Whenever in any law reference is made to the Secretary  
4 of Public Welfare or to the Secretary of Human Resources, such  
5 reference shall be deemed to refer to the Secretary of Public  
6 Welfare as ex officio Secretary of Human Resources.

7 Section 4. All personnel, appropriations, allocations,  
8 contracts, agreements, equipment, files, obligations and other  
9 material which relate to the administration and enforcement of  
10 the laws of this Commonwealth as they relate to the Department  
11 of Public Welfare are hereby transferred to the Department of  
12 Human Resources with the same force and effect as if the  
13 appropriations had been made to the Department of Human  
14 Resources in the first instance, and said contracts, agreements,  
15 and obligations of the Department of Public Welfare had been  
16 incurred or entered into by said Department of Human Resources.

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.