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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, adding and revising provisions
3 relating to printing, distribution and construction of
4 statutes and making repeals.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 501, 502, 1103 and 1105 of Title 1, act
8 of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended to read:

10 § 501. Publication and distribution.

11 (a) General rule.--The Legislative Reference Bureau may
12 compile, edit, publish, print, supplement and revise or contract
13 directly or through the Legislative Printing Clerk for the
14 compilation, editing, publishing, printing, supplementation or
15 revision of an official publication of the Pennsylvania
16 Consolidated Statutes and amendments thereto. It shall be the
17 duty of the Department of [Property and Supplies] General
18 Services, upon request of the bureau, to arrange for the prompt
19 distribution of the official publication and the supplements

1 thereto and revisions thereof in accordance with the provisions
2 of this chapter. This publication shall be in addition to the
3 publication of advance copies of statutes and the Laws of
4 Pennsylvania [except that the bureau, when authorized by
5 concurrent resolution of the General Assembly, may reduce the
6 number of such statutes and laws published and printed and
7 provide for the manner of their distribution and a fee to be
8 charged for certain distributions].

9 (b) Sale and distribution.--The prices to be charged for
10 individual copies of and subscriptions to the official
11 publication, the supplements thereto and revisions thereof, for
12 reprints and bound volumes thereof, which prices may be fixed
13 without reference to the restrictions placed upon and fixed for
14 the sale of other publications of the Commonwealth, and the
15 number of copies which shall be distributed free for official
16 use shall be established by the bureau subject, however, to
17 requirements or limitations, if any, established by concurrent
18 resolution of the General Assembly. Without limiting the
19 generality of the foregoing, the bureau may provide for the free
20 reciprocal exchange of publications between this Commonwealth
21 and other states and foreign jurisdictions and for the free
22 distribution of at least one copy of every publication printed
23 under authority of this chapter to each:

24 (1) County for the use of its law library.

25 (2) Member of the General Assembly [at the post office
26 address specified by him].

27 (3) Law school library which pursuant to rules of court
28 receives copies of printed briefs and records filed in the
29 Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

30 (c) Payments and disposition of moneys.--Payments for

documents published by authority of this chapter shall be made to the Legislative Reference Bureau or the Department of [Property and Supplies] General Services, as the bureau shall determine, which shall pay the same into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Such moneys are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Reference Bureau to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

§ 502. Preparation and contents.

(a) General rule.--In compiling and editing the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and amendments thereto for publication, the bureau may:

(1) Omit provisions of the amendatory acts which do not become a part of the structure of this act or which do not constitute part of the law as provided in section 1101(b) [of this title] (relating to enacting clause and unofficial provisions).

(2) Include the provisions or a summary of the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) [of this subsection] in a footnote, appendix, table or other form at such a place and in such a manner as it deems appropriate but any unofficial provisions so included shall not constitute part of the law.

(3) Include tables of contents, summary analyses, source notes, parallel tables, indexes, cross references to statutes and regulations, and such other provisions, whether or not contained in this act or in any amendment or amendments to this act, as the bureau deems appropriate but any unofficial provisions so included shall not constitute part of the law.

(4) Include the Constitution of Pennsylvania and proposed amendments thereto as well as selected general and

1 permanent laws and amendments thereto.

2 (5) Establish a form of citation of such publication or
3 any part thereof which may be used for the purpose of
4 drafting amendments to this act and for other purposes not
5 inconsistent with the provisions of section 102 [of this
6 title] (relating to citation of Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes) and section 303 [of this title] (relating to cross
8 references between provisions of the Consolidated Statutes).

9 (b) Approvals by legislative officers.--The President pro
10 tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives shall approve[:]

12 (1) The] the form and contents of the publication
13 prepared by the bureau.

14 [(2) All contracts entered into by the bureau or the
15 Legislative Printing Clerk pursuant to section 501(a) of this
16 title (relating to publication and distribution).

17 (3) All regulations and decisions of the bureau relating
18 to the distribution of the publication and the prices to be
19 charged for such publications pursuant to section 501(b) of
20 this title (relating to publication and distribution).]

21 § 1103. [Preparation] Printing of statutes [for printing].

22 (a) Notification by Department of State.--The Department of
23 State, as soon as any bill becomes a law, shall promptly notify
24 the Legislative Reference Bureau of that fact and transmit any
25 documentation requested by the bureau or otherwise required.

26 (b) Preparation of statutes for printing.--The [Director of
27 the] Legislative Reference Bureau shall, as soon as any bill
28 becomes a law, prepare the same for printing, cause the same to
29 be printed immediately, and collate with and correct the proof
30 sheets by the original rolls. [He] The bureau shall also have

1 the statutes printed and indexed in book form as the Laws of
2 Pennsylvania as early as possible succeeding each regular
3 session of the General Assembly, for distribution in accordance
4 with law.

5 (c) Contracts for printing.--The Legislative Reference
6 Bureau may contract directly or through the Legislative Printing
7 Clerk for the printing and binding of advance copies of statutes
8 and the Laws of Pennsylvania which contracts shall be given to
9 the lowest responsible bidder after notice to prospective
10 bidders published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. In the
11 alternative and with the approval of the President pro tempore
12 of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
13 bureau may contract with an established law book publisher for
14 the printing, binding, sale and distribution of statutes under
15 such terms and conditions as shall be in the best interest of
16 this Commonwealth. Approval of the contracts by the Governor,
17 Auditor General or State Treasurer shall not be required. This
18 subsection applies to contracts relating to the official
19 publication of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes authorized
20 under section 501(a) (relating to publication and distribution).
21 § 1105. Editing statutes for printing.

22 (a) Correction of errors.--Where any statute shall have been
23 finally enacted and it shall be ascertained that such statute is
24 technically defective in form, or contains misspelled words or
25 typographical errors, or the plural or singular number, or the
26 past, present or future tense appears where another should be
27 used, or where a word clearly intended to be inserted has been
28 omitted, or where a word clearly should have been omitted, or
29 where a word is correctly spelled but it clearly appears that
30 another word was intended, the [Director of the] Legislative

1 Reference Bureau, in editing such statute, shall have authority,
2 with the approval of the [President pro tempore of the Senate,
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the] Department
4 of Justice, to correct the original copy of such statute, as
5 filed in the Department of State, if such correction will not in
6 any manner affect or change the meaning, intent or substance of
7 such statute.

8 (b) Notation of correction.--Whenever any such correction on
9 any statute is made, a notation thereof shall be made on the
10 original copy or on a sheet attached to the original copy by the
11 Director or Assistant Director of the Legislative Reference
12 Bureau, together with his signature, followed by the approval
13 and [signatures of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives and] signature of the
15 Attorney General or his deputy. A notation of such corrections
16 shall also be printed in the Laws of Pennsylvania as footnotes
17 to the statutes on which the corrections were made.

18 (c) Unofficial provisions of statutes.--The [Director of
19 the] Legislative Reference Bureau, in editing and preparing
20 statutes for printing, shall have authority to add to the
21 statute provisions which do not constitute part of the law as
22 provided in section 1101 [of this title] (relating to enacting
23 clause and unofficial provisions) and to correct or omit such
24 provisions contained in the statute. In making such changes it
25 shall not be necessary to obtain the [approvals] approval or to
26 make the notations required under subsections (a) and (b) [of
27 this section].

28 (d) Changes in form and style.--The [Director of the]
29 Legislative Reference Bureau, in editing and preparing statutes
30 for printing in the Laws of Pennsylvania or pursuant to Chapter

1 5 [of this title] (relating to official publication of the
2 Consolidated Statutes), may, in a manner that will not affect or
3 change the meaning, intent or substance of such statute and,
4 unless otherwise provided in this subsection, without obtaining
5 the [approvals] approval or making the notations required under
6 subsections (a) and (b) [of this section]:

7 (1) Renumber major subdivisions, sections and minor
8 subdivisions to eliminate duplicate numbers or to avoid gaps
9 in numbering or to conform to requirements established
10 pursuant to Chapter 3 (relating to format of the Consolidated
11 Statutes).

12 (2) With [approvals required under subsection (a) of
13 this section] the approval of the Department of Justice,
14 rearrange or transfer major subdivisions, sections and minor
15 subdivisions to conform to requirements established pursuant
16 to Chapter 3 [of this title (relating to format of the
17 Consolidated Statutes)].

18 (3) Insert or change instructions and references in
19 sections of amendatory statutes to conform to the provisions
20 amended or affected.

21 (4) Insert or change reference numbers and the form of
22 citations or references to Federal or State constitutions,
23 statutes or regulations to conform to renumbered or revised
24 provisions or to requirements established pursuant to Chapter
25 3 [of this title].

26 (5) Substitute the proper major subdivision, section or
27 minor subdivision number and related references for the terms
28 "this act," "the preceding section," and the like.

29 (6) Strike out or insert figures and symbols where they
30 are merely a repetition of or have the same meaning as

1 written words and vice-versa.

2 (7) Change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity
3 or style.

4 (8) Insert a symbol for the word "section" and vice-
5 versa.

6 (9) Insert, delete or change words or figures in
7 amendatory statutes to conform to the provisions amended or
8 affected where no change in existing law was intended.

9 (e) Constitutional provisions.--The [Director of the]
10 Legislative Reference Bureau, in editing and preparing the
11 Constitution of Pennsylvania and its amendments for printing in
12 the Laws of Pennsylvania or pursuant to Chapter 5 [of this
13 title] (relating to official publication of the Consolidated
14 Statutes), may make corrections and changes under this section
15 and section 502(a) [of this title] (relating to preparation and
16 contents) in the same manner and subject to the same
17 requirements applicable to statutes.

18 Section 2. Section 1106 of Title 1 is repealed.

19 Section 3. Title 1 is amended by adding sections to read:

20 § 1106. Distribution of statutes.

21 (a) General rule.--The number of advance copies of statutes
22 and volumes of the Laws of Pennsylvania printed or published,
23 the prices to be charged for individual copies and
24 subscriptions, which prices may be fixed without reference to
25 the restrictions placed upon and fixed for the sale of other
26 publications of the Commonwealth, and the number of copies which
27 shall be distributed free for official use shall be established
28 by the bureau subject, however, to requirements or limitations,
29 if any, established by concurrent resolution of the General
30 Assembly. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the

bureau may provide for the free reciprocal exchange of statutes between this Commonwealth and other states and foreign jurisdictions and for the free distribution of at least one copy of every statute printed under authority of this chapter to each:

(1) County for the use of its law library.

(2) Member of the General Assembly.

(3) Law school library which pursuant to rules of court receives copies of printed briefs and records filed in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

(b) Distribution agency.--The bureau shall provide for the manner of distribution of the advance copies of statutes and the Laws of Pennsylvania. It shall be the duty of the Department of General Services, upon request of the bureau, to arrange for the prompt distribution of statutes in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(c) Payments and disposition of moneys.--Payments for statutes printed and published by authority of this chapter shall be made to the Legislative Reference Bureau or the Department of General Services, as the bureau shall determine, which shall pay the same into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Such moneys are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Reference Bureau to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

§ 1940. Cross references in statutes.

A reference in a statute to a major subdivision, section or minor subdivision without expressly specifying the statute, title, major subdivision, section or minor subdivision which contains the provision to which reference is made, shall be construed to be a reference to the major subdivision, section or

1 minor subdivision which is located within the statute, title,
2 major subdivision, section or minor subdivision in which the
3 reference appears. For example, a reference in this section to
4 "Subchapter C" shall be construed as a reference to "Subchapter
5 C of Chapter 19 of Title 1."

6 Section 4. The Legislative Reference Bureau, in preparing
7 statutes for printing, may change the form of citation in bills
8 enacted into law prior or subsequent to the effective date of
9 this act, and in reenacting provisions of existing statutes for
10 purposes of amendment and in preparing an official publication
11 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, may change the form
12 of cross references in such statutes without the use of brackets
13 and underscoring by eliminating the terms "of this act," "of
14 this title," "of this section," and the like, which are no
15 longer necessary under the provisions of 1 Pa.C.S. § 1940
16 (relating to cross references in statutes).

17 Section 5. (a) The following parts of acts are repealed:
18 Sections 804(c) and 2406(h), act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
19 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929."

20 Section 1308, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known
21 as the "Second Class County Code."

22 Section 1309, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known
23 as "The County Code."

24 (b) The following acts and parts of acts are repealed
25 insofar as they relate to printing and binding used in the
26 Legislative Reference Bureau and the printing, binding and
27 distribution of laws:

28 Section 10, act of May 7, 1923 (P.L.158, No.119), entitled
29 "An act creating a Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for
30 the election of a director by the General Assembly; designating

1 the officers and employes of such bureau, defining their duties;
2 fixing their salaries; abolishing the present Legislative
3 Reference Bureau; and making an appropriation."

4 Act of May 8, 1923 (P.L.161, No.120), entitled "An act
5 providing for and regulating the public printing and binding,
6 the editing for publication and the distribution of all
7 documents, reports, bulletins, and other publications for the
8 use of the Commonwealth, the several departments, boards,
9 commissions, and other agencies engaged in the legislative,
10 judicial, and administrative work of the State Government; the
11 sale of waste paper; the appointment of a director and other
12 employes; and repealing inconsistent and conflicting
13 legislation."

14 Section 2406(d), act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
15 known as "The Administrative Code of 1929."

16 Act of August 21, 1961 (P.L.1014, No.455), entitled "An act
17 relative to Commonwealth printing; establishing conditions upon
18 which contracts will be awarded; and prescribing remedies and
19 penalties for noncompliance with such conditions."

20 (c) All other acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as
21 they are inconsistent with this act.

22 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.