

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2241 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY DORR AND RENWICK, APRIL 3, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, APRIL 3, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations)
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, by providing for
3 name changes for churches.

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

6 Section 1. Title 15, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7907. Change of name of church.

10 (a) General rule.--Any corporation formed for religious
11 purposes which desires to change its corporate name because of
12 or as a result of a union, merger or consolidation of the
13 national or international church body with which such religious
14 corporation is an affiliate, subsidiary or component part, is
15 hereby authorized to file a certificate of change of name with
16 the department, which certificate shall set forth the name and
17 registered office of the corporation and the name the
18 corporation intends to assume.

19 (b) Departmental approval.--If the department finds that the

1 proposed name is available for corporate use, it shall register
2 the name and shall issue to the corporation or its
3 representative a certificate that the proposed change of name
4 has been duly registered.

5 (c) Effect of change.--Upon registration of the certificate
6 of change of name by the department such religious corporation
7 shall thereafter be known as and bear the name set forth in its
8 certificate of change of name; but such change of name shall not
9 in any respect change the identity of or affect, abate, defeat,
10 alter or amend any of the powers, rights, privileges, property,
11 duties, liabilities or obligations of any such religious
12 corporation, all of which shall remain in full force and effect
13 as though its name had not been so changed.

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