

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 6, 1979

### AN ACT

1 Providing for the termination of all agencies, boards,  
2 commissions, committees, departments and similar units of  
3 State Government that have not been created by statutes  
4 enacted by the General Assembly; establishing a committee to  
5 oversee the termination and providing a limited time period  
6 for the continuation of certain agencies, boards,  
7 commissions, committees, departments and similar units of  
8 State Government.

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

11 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
12 "Non-statutory Agency Termination Act."

13 Section 2. There is hereby established a joint General  
14 Assembly Committee to be known as the "Leadership Committee."  
15 The committee shall be composed of the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives the President pro tempore of the Senate and the  
17 Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives  
18 and the Senate.

19 The Speaker of the House of Representative shall serve as the

1 temporary chairman of the committee until such time as the  
2 committee shall meet and elect its own chairman.

3 Section 3. All agencies, boards, commissions, committees,  
4 departments or similar units of State Government not created by  
5 statute enacted by the General Assembly shall be terminated on  
6 November 30, 1980, or one calendar year from the date of their  
7 creation, whichever is later.

8 Section 4. Whenever the Governor determines that an agency,  
9 board, commission, committee, department or other similar unit  
10 of State Government should continue to exist, the Governor shall  
11 notify the General Assembly of this desire prior to the proposed  
12 date for termination.

13 Section 5. The Leadership Committee may grant the terminated  
14 agency an extension of not more than six months while the  
15 General Assembly considers the necessity of recreating the  
16 terminated agency. The Leadership Committee shall refer the  
17 question of possible recreation of an agency to the appropriate  
18 committee or committees in both the Senate and the House of  
19 Representatives.

20 Section 6. The Governor shall not reinstitute any agency,  
21 board, commission, committee, department or other similar unit  
22 of State Government terminated pursuant to this law, nor shall  
23 the Governor establish or constitute a similar agency to carry  
24 out the terminated functions.

25 Section 7. Employees of terminated agencies, boards,  
26 commissions, committees, departments and similar units of State  
27 Government who have civil service status or who are covered by  
28 union contracts shall fill any existing vacancies within the  
29 administrative branch of State Government in their grade and  
30 position. If there are more employees than vacant positions at

1 the time of termination, then such terminated employees shall  
2 receive employment in the first vacancies that shall thereafter  
3 exist in their grade and rank.

4 Section 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the  
5 provisions of this act are repealed to the extent of the  
6 inconsistency.

7 Section 9. This act shall take effect immediately.