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AN ACT

1 Requiring travel agents and travel agencies to provide certain
2 information on the fire and safety features utilized by
3 facilities booked through the agent or agency; imposing
4 additional duties on the Office of Attorney General and on
5 county district attorneys; and providing certain penalties.

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

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Travel Agent
10 Safety Information Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Person." An individual, partnership, corporation, joint
16 venture, organization or association or other group, however
17 organized.

18 "Travel agent." A person who sells, provides, furnishes,
19 contracts for, arranges, or advertises that he can or may

1 arrange, or has arranged transportation or lodging either
2 separately or in conjunction with other travel services.

3 "Travel services." Car rentals, lodging, transfers,
4 sightseeing tours and all other such services which are arranged
5 in conjunction with air, sea, rail or motorcoach transportation.

6 Section 3. Compilation of safety information.

7 Every travel agent or travel agency doing business in this
8 Commonwealth shall compile and maintain in the business office a
9 listing of all lodging facilities to which the agent or agency
10 may book reservations either directly or as a portion of a
11 package containing other travel services. The listing shall
12 contain information pertaining to the fire and safety features
13 provided in the lodging facility, including, but not limited to,
14 the number and location of smoke detectors, sprinklers, fire
15 extinguishers and fire exits.

16 Section 4. Restriction on receipt of funds.

17 A travel agent shall not receive money or other valuable
18 consideration in payment for or on deposit for lodging or other
19 travel services unless at the time of such receipt the travel
20 agent furnishes to the person making such payment a written
21 statement listing all facilities at which lodging has been
22 arranged and the fire and safety features included in each such
23 facility.

24 Section 5. Restraint of violation.

25 The Attorney General or the district attorney of any county
26 may bring an action in the name of the Commonwealth to restrain
27 or prevent any violation of this act or any continuance of any
28 such violation.

29 Section 6. Criminal penalty.

30 A person who violates the provisions of this act commits a

1 misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, be
2 subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,500, or to one year in
3 prison, or both.

4 Section 7. Civil remedies unaffected.

5 Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the ability
6 of any person to sue for civil damages.

7 Section 8. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 90 days.