

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 818 Session of 1993

INTRODUCED BY E. Z. TAYLOR, COLAFELLA, VANCE, GERLACH, FARGO, DENT, ARMSTRONG, CLARK, WOZNIAK, HERSHEY, HASAY, FARMER, MARSICO, MIHALICH, B. SMITH, TOMLINSON, COY, LAWLESS, DeLUCA, TANGRETTI, D. W. SNYDER, CORNELL, BAKER, PHILLIPS, J. TAYLOR, ARGALL, GEIST, SCHEETZ, PETTIT, MERRY, TRELLO, SERAFINI, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, BARLEY, OLASZ AND SAURMAN, MARCH 22, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 22, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled
2 "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its
3 powers and duties," further providing for the Secretary of
4 Health; and making editorial changes.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312,
8 No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and
9 defining its powers and duties," amended March 17, 1921 (P.L.37,
10 No.18), is amended to read:

11 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Health
12 shall consist of a [Commissioner] Secretary of Health and an
13 advisory board.

14 The [Commissioner] Secretary of Health shall be the head of
15 the department, and shall be appointed by the Governor, with the
16 advice and consent of the Senate. [He shall be a physician of at
17 least ten years professional experience and a graduate of a

1 legally constituted medical college.

2 The term of the Commissioner first appointed hereunder shall
3 expire on the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and
4 seven, and the] The secretary must be an individual with
5 experience and education deemed appropriate by the Governor. The
6 term of office of [every Commissioner thereafter appointed] the
7 secretary shall be four years, beginning on first day of March
8 of the year in which he is appointed.

9 [Upon the appointment and qualification of the Commissioner
10 of Health, the terms of the members of the State Board of Health
11 and the secretary of such board shall expire, and no
12 appointments shall thereafter be made to those offices.]

13 That the Department of Health shall have an official seal.

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