
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1542 Session of
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), entitled
2 "An act concerning notaries public; and amending, revising,
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto,"
4 eliminating certain requirements for notarial seals; and
5 making a repeal.

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

8 Section 1. Section 12 of the act of August 21, 1953
9 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as The Notary Public Law, amended June
10 30, 1988 (P.L.462, No.78), is amended to read:

11 Section 12. Notarial Seal.--(a) A notary public shall
12 provide and keep an official seal which shall be used to
13 authenticate all the acts, instruments and attestations of the
14 notary. The seal shall be a rubber stamp and shall show clearly
15 in the following order: the words "Notarial Seal"; the name and
16 surname of the notary and the words "Notary Public"; the name of
17 the political subdivision and county in which the notary
18 maintains an office; and the date the notary's commission
19 expires.

1 (b) The seal shall have a maximum height of one (1) inch and
2 width of three and one-half (3 1/2) inches, with a plain border.
3 It shall be stamped in a prominent place on the official
4 notarial act near the notary's signature in such a manner as to
5 be capable of photographic reproduction.

6 [(c) In addition to the official seal required in subsection
7 (a), a notary public shall also use and keep an embosser upon
8 which shall be engraved the words "Notary Public, Commonwealth
9 of Pennsylvania," and the name and surname of the notary. All
10 documents executed shall bear a legibly embossed impression.]

11 Section 2. The last sentence of section 8 of the act of July
12 24, 1941 (P.L.490, No.188), known as the Uniform Acknowledgment
13 Act, is repealed.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.