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THOMAS, TIGUE, C. WILLIAMS AND WOJNAROSKI, MARCH 13, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 13, 2001

AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Health for ovarian
2 cancer prevention and educational programs.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Ovarian
7 Cancer Awareness Act.

8 Section 2. Findings and purpose.

9 (a) Findings.--

10 (1) Each year in the United States, about 25,000 women
11 are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and about 15,000 die
12 because of it. Three groups of women appear to be at risk of
13 inheriting ovarian cancer: women with family histories of
14 ovarian cancer; women with family histories of colon cancer;
15 and women with family histories of breast cancer.

16 (2) Unfortunately, there are no symptoms during the

1 early stages of ovarian cancer. But recognizing that certain
2 women may face a higher than average risk may improve their
3 chances of finding it early enough to treat it effectively.

4 (3) As directed by the act of December 18, 1980
5 (P.L.1241, No.224), known as the Pennsylvania Cancer Control,
6 Prevention and Research Act, the Pennsylvania Cancer Control,
7 Prevention and Research Advisory Board awards grants to
8 qualified associations, nonprofit organizations and
9 governmental agencies to plan, establish or conduct programs
10 in cancer control or prevention, cancer education and
11 training and cancer clinical research.

12 (4) The programs funded by the Pennsylvania Cancer
13 Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board educate the
14 public about breast cancer, cervical cancer, colorectal
15 cancer and prostate cancer.

16 (b) Purpose.--

17 (1) The General Assembly intends to make funds available
18 to the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research
19 Advisory Board to educate women about ovarian cancer's risk
20 factors so they may be able to take necessary steps to
21 determine if they are at risk.

22 (2) The General Assembly intends to make funds available
23 to the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research
24 Advisory Board to educate women about ovarian cancer
25 prevention and the importance of an early diagnosis.

26 Section 3. Appropriation.

27 The sum of \$55,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department
28 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, to June
29 30, 2002, for ovarian cancer programs as established by the
30 Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory

- 1 Board.
- 2 Section 4. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect immediately.