

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

AN ACT

1 Requiring certain notification in certain advertising.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Taxpayer-
6 Funded Advertising Transparency Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

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

11 "Broadcast advertising." Includes television advertising,
12 radio advertising and other audiovisual advertising.

13 "Commonwealth agency." Any of the following:

14 (1) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
15 Auditor General, State Treasurer and the departments,
16 offices, boards, authorities, commissions and other agencies

1 of the executive branch of the government of this
2 Commonwealth, whether or not subject to the supervision and
3 control of the Governor.

4 (2) The legislative branch of government of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 (3) Any court and any office of the unified judicial
7 system of this Commonwealth.

8 "Media advertising." Includes broadcast advertising and
9 print advertising.

10 "Print advertising." Includes newspaper advertising,
11 magazine advertising and billboard advertising. The term does
12 not include advertising in the classified section of a
13 newspaper.

14 Section 3. Advertising notification.

15 (a) Statements required.--

16 (1) No expenditures shall be made by any Commonwealth
17 agency from any moneys appropriated from the General Fund or
18 any special fund that is comprised of moneys collected by a
19 tax imposed by the Commonwealth for paid media advertising
20 unless such paid media advertising includes a statement that
21 it is funded, in whole or in part, by such fund and includes
22 the following specific statement: "Paid for with Pennsylvania
23 taxpayer dollars."

24 (2) In the case of print advertising, the statement
25 shall be included so that it is easily seen and read.

26 (3) In the case of broadcast advertising, the statement
27 shall be included as an audio tagline so that it is easily
28 heard.

29 (b) Exception.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
30 apply where the materials provided to the broadcast or print

1 media are broadcast or published free of charge.

2 Section 4. Application.

3 The provisions of this act shall not apply to any media
4 advertising that was printed, manufactured or produced prior to
5 the effective date of this section.

6 Section 5. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 30 days.