THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, D. COSTA, DONATUCCI, PASHINSKI, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, KINSEY, ROZZI, FREEMAN AND JAMES, JUNE 12, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, JUNE 12, 2017

AN ACT

- Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184), entitled
- "An act defining honey and regulating its sale and the 2
- labeling and sale of imitations of honey; and providing 3
- penalties for violation," providing for a standard of identity for manufactured honey.
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- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184),
- referred to as the Honey Sale and Labeling Act, is amended by
- 10 adding a section to read:
- 11 Section 2.1. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within one
- 12 year of the effective date of this section, promulgate
- regulations to establish a standard of identity for honey which 13
- 14 shall apply to the honey manufactured, sold, kept for sale or
- 15 exposed or offered for sale in this Commonwealth. In
- 16 establishing the standard, the secretary shall commence with the
- Codex Standard for Honey approved and adopted by the Codex 17
- Alimentarius Commission and shall explain the reason for any 18

- 1 modification of the Codex Standard for Honey prior to finalizing
- 2 the regulations.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.