THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 25, 2019

AN ACT

- 1 Providing for family and medical leave for eligible employees.
- 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 Pennsylvania
- 6 Family and Medical Leave 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 "Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the
- 12 Commonwealth.
- "Eligible employee." As defined in the FMLA.
- 14 "FMLA." Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Public Law
- 15 103-3, 29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.).
- 16 Section 3. Eligibility.
- 17 (a) General rule. -- The following apply:

- 1 (1) An employer shall provide up to six weeks of the
- 2 same leave to an eligible employee to which the eligible
- 3 employee is entitled under the FMLA with respect to a spouse,
- 4 son, daughter or parent for the eligible employee's sibling,
- 5 grandparent or grandchild if the eligible employee's sibling,
- 6 grandparent or grandchild does not have an able-bodied
- 7 spouse, an able-bodied child who is 18 years of age or older
- 8 or an able-bodied parent who is under 65 years of age.
- 9 (2) An employer may require an eligible employee to
- 10 submit written documentation from a physician stating that
- 11 the spouse, child or parent under paragraph (1) is medically
- unable to assist in the caregiving activities of the
- employee's sibling, grandparent or grandchild.
- 14 (b) Protections. -- Except as otherwise provided in this act,
- 15 an eligible employee who takes leave provided under subsection
- 16 (a) is entitled to the same protections and rights that an
- 17 eligible employee is entitled to under the FMLA.
- 18 (c) Amount of leave. -- The amount of leave taken by an
- 19 eligible employee under this section shall not exceed 6 weeks
- 20 during a 12-month period.
- 21 (d) Applicability.--This section applies to employers in
- 22 this Commonwealth that are subject to the FMLA.
- 23 Section 4. Effective date.
- 24 This act shall take effect immediately.