THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1730 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, MURT, ROCK, SIPTROTH AND SWANGER, JUNE 17, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 17, 2009

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of December 7, 1990 (P.L.615, No.156), entitled
- 2 "An act providing for official visitation of prisons,"
- further providing for the definition of "official visitor."
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 7, 1990
- 7 (P.L.615, No.156), known as the Official Visitation of Prisons
- 8 Act, is amended to read:
- 9 Section 2. Definitions.
- 10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 12 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 13 "Official visitor." The Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
- 14 President pro tempore and members of the Senate, Speaker and
- 15 members of the House of Representatives, justices and judges of
- 16 the courts of record, General Counsel, Attorney General and his
- 17 deputies, and authorized members of the Pennsylvania Prison
- 18 Society who have been designated as official visitors, whose

- 1 names shall be given to the correctional official in charge of
- 2 the appropriate facility, in writing, together with the terms of
- 3 their appointment under its corporate seal. The term shall also
- 4 <u>include one person designated as an official visitor by each of</u>
- 5 the following: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President pro
- 6 tempore and members of the Senate, and Speaker and members of
- 7 the House of Representatives. Such designation shall be made in
- 8 writing, given to the Secretary of Corrections and remain in
- 9 <u>effect until the earlier of its written revocation by the</u>
- 10 <u>designator or the expiration of the designator's term of office.</u>
- "Secretary." The Secretary of Corrections of the
- 12 Commonwealth.
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.