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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," creating the Department on
21 Aging and prescribing its functions, powers and duties.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Sections 201, 206 and the first paragraph of
25 clause (a) of section 207, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
26 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended
27 December 3, 1970 (P.L.834, No.275), are amended to read:

1 Section 201. Executive Officers, Administrative Departments
2 and Independent Administrative Boards and Commissions.--The
3 executive and administrative work of this Commonwealth shall be
4 performed by the Executive Department, consisting of the
5 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth,
6 Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, and
7 Superintendent of Public Instruction; by the Executive Board,
8 and the Pennsylvania State Police; by the following
9 administrative departments: Department of State, Department of
10 Justice, Department of the Auditor General, Treasury Department,
11 Department of Public Instruction, Department of Military
12 Affairs, Insurance Department, Department of Banking, Department
13 of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, Department of
14 Health, Department of Labor and Industry, Department on Aging,
15 Department of Public Welfare, Department of Property and
16 Supplies, Department of Revenue, Department of Commerce,
17 Department of Community Affairs and Department of Environmental
18 Resources; and by the following independent administrative
19 boards and commissions: Pennsylvania Game Commission,
20 Pennsylvania Fish Commission, State Civil Service Commission,
21 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and the Pennsylvania
22 Historical and Museum Commission.

23 All of the provisions of this act, which apply generally to
24 administrative departments, or generally except to the
25 Department of the Auditor General and the Treasury Department,
26 shall apply to the Executive Board and to the Pennsylvania State
27 Police.

28 Section 206. Department Heads.--Each administrative
29 department shall have as its head an officer who shall, either
30 personally, by deputy, or by the duly authorized agent or

1 employe of the department, and subject at all times to the
2 provisions of this act, exercise the powers and perform the
3 duties by law vested in and imposed upon the department.

4 The following officers shall be the heads of the
5 administrative departments following their respective titles:

6 Secretary of the Commonwealth, of the Department of State;

7 Attorney General, of the Department of Justice;

8 Auditor General, of the Department of the Auditor General;

9 State Treasurer, of the Treasury Department;

10 Superintendent of Public Instruction, of the Department of

11 Public Instruction;

12 Adjutant General, of the Department of Military Affairs;

13 Insurance Commissioner, of the Insurance Department;

14 Secretary of Banking, of the Department of Banking;

15 Secretary of Agriculture, of the Department of Agriculture;

16 Secretary of Transportation, of the Department of

17 Transportation;

18 Secretary of Health, of the Department of Health;

19 Secretary of Labor and Industry, of the Department of Labor

20 and Industry;

21 Secretary on Aging, of the Department on Aging;

22 Secretary of Public Welfare, of the Department of Public

23 Welfare;

24 Secretary of Property and Supplies, of the Department of

25 Property and Supplies;

26 Secretary of Revenue, of the Department of Revenue;

27 Secretary of Commerce, of the Department of Commerce;

28 Secretary of Community Affairs, of the Department of

29 Community Affairs;

30 Secretary of Environmental Resources, of the Department

1 of Environmental Resources.

2 Section 207. Appointment.--The Governor shall nominate and,
3 by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all the
4 members of the Senate, appoint:

5 (a) The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General,
6 the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Adjutant General,
7 the Insurance Commissioner, the Secretary of Banking, the
8 Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Transportation, the
9 Secretary of Health, the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State
10 Police, the Secretary of Labor and Industry, the Secretary on
11 Aging, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of
12 Property and Supplies, the Secretary of Revenue, the Secretary
13 of Commerce, the Secretary of Community Affairs, the Secretary
14 of Environmental Resources, and the members of all independent
15 administrative boards and commissions.

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17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

18 ARTICLE XXII-A
19 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT ON AGING

21 Section 2201-A. Powers and Duties in General.--Subject to
22 any inconsistent provisions in this act contained, the
23 Department on Aging shall have the power and its duty shall be:

24 (1) To serve as a clearinghouse for information related to
25 problems of the aged and aging.

26 (2) To assist the Governor in all matters pertaining to
27 problems of the aged and aging.

28 (3) To develop plans, conduct and arrange for research and
29 demonstration programs in the field of aging.

30 (4) To provide technical assistance and consultation to

1 political subdivisions with respect to programs for the aged and
2 aging.

3 (5) To prepare, publish, and disseminate educational
4 materials dealing with the welfare of older persons.

5 (6) To gather statistics in the field of aging which other
6 governmental agencies are not collecting.

7 (7) To stimulate more effective use of existing resources
8 and available services for the aged and aging.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.