
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 847

Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. BERSON AND SPENCER, MARCH 19, 1975

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), entitled
2 "An act relating to Commonwealth documents; providing for the
3 printing and distribution of administrative regulations;
4 regulating the adoption, publication, codification and
5 effectiveness of regulations, statements of policy, and
6 certain other Commonwealth documents; creating the Joint
7 Committee on Documents and prescribing its powers and duties;
8 providing penalties, and making appropriations and repeals,"
9 providing for certain certifications by the Legislative
10 Reference Bureau.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), known
14 as the "Commonwealth Documents Law," is amended by adding a
15 section to read:

16 Section 508. Certification by Bureau as Evidence.--(a)
17 Copies of all documents, records and papers of the Legislative
18 Reference Bureau, when duly certified by the Director or
19 Assistant Director, shall be admissible as evidence in
20 proceedings in the several courts of this Commonwealth and
21 before any government agency in all cases where the original
22 documents, records and papers would be admitted as evidence,

1 with the same force and effect as the originals.

2 (b) A certification by the Director or the Assistant
3 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau as to the filing or
4 absence of filing of a document or publication or the absence of
5 publication of a document shall be admissible as evidence in
6 proceedings in the several courts of this Commonwealth and
7 before any government agency.

8 (c) Unless directed otherwise by the court or the presiding
9 officer of the agency, a certification issued under this section
10 shall constitute sufficient compliance with a subpoena directing
11 an officer or employe of the Legislative Reference Bureau to
12 appear for the purpose of presenting testimony or producing
13 documents relating to matters set forth in the certification or
14 accompanying documents.

15 (D) WHENEVER A CERTIFICATION IS ISSUED BY THE BUREAU
16 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BUREAU SHALL
17 CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR SUCH CERTIFICATION. THE DIRECTOR OF
18 THE BUREAU SHALL DETERMINE AND ESTABLISH BY REGULATION THE
19 AMOUNT OF THE CERTIFICATION FEE.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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