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INTRODUCED BY REED, LAUGHLIN, BRADLEY, KOWALYSHYN, MILLIRON AND
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976

AN ACT

1 Providing for the reporting of certain cases of cancer to the
2 Department of Health, the use of the information obtained,
3 and prescribing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. (a) The physician, clinic, hospital, medical or
7 treatment facility detecting a case of cancer shall promptly
8 report it to the Department of Health.

9 (b) The report of cancer shall state the full name, address
10 of the residence, place of employment and type of work of the
11 patient. It shall identify the type of cancer, if determined,
12 and the physiological area of the patient which is affected.

13 Section 2. (a) The Department of Health shall maintain an
14 accurate record of cases of cancer reported to it pursuant to
15 the provisions of this act. The record shall include the place
16 of employment and the type of work of the afflicted.

17 (b) The Department of Health shall maintain a cross-
18 reference system prepared from the data obtained in the reports

1 submitted to it. It shall include sections indicating the
2 prevalence of cases of cancer of different kinds and the types
3 of employment of those affected with the ailment on a political
4 subdivision basis.

5 Section 3. The information collected by the Department of
6 Health under this act may be disclosed by it to other Federal,
7 State and private research agencies interested in the problem of
8 cancer to aid them in cancer research and the prevention of the
9 disease.

10 Section 4. Willful failure or refusal to file a report
11 required by this act shall constitute a summary offense.
12 Conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of \$300 or
13 imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

14 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 90 days.