THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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Session of 1975

INTRODUCED BY NOLAN, ROSS, DUFFIELD, MELLOW, ORLANDO, STAPLETON, MURRAY AND KELLEY, JUNE 9, 1975

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 9, 1975

AN ACT

- 1 Prohibiting the employment of certain individuals in positions
- 2 designated by the General Assembly and providing a penalty.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Definitions.--As used in this act:
- 6 "Homosexual" means one who is inclined to or who practices or
- 7 engages in sexual or erotic activity with a member of one's own
- 8 sex.
- 9 "Individuals convicted of sex crimes" means any individual
- 10 convicted of violations of Chapter 31 of Title 18 (Crimes and
- 11 Offenses) of the act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230),
- 12 known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes or violations of
- 13 the prior act of June 24, 1939 (P.L.872, No.375), known as "The
- 14 Penal Code" insofar as they related to sex connected offenses.
- 15 Section 2. Certain Hiring Prohibited. -- (a) Notwithstanding
- 16 any law or executive order or directive to the contrary, no
- 17 individual or governmental agency having the power to hire
- 18 individuals to fill vacant positions shall hire any homosexual

- 1 or individual convicted of a sex crime to fill any of the
- 2 following positions:
- 3 (1) State policeman.
- 4 (2) State correctional guards or staff.
- 5 (3) Correction counselors.
- 6 (4) State probation officers.
- 7 (5) Officers, nurses and staff for any State institution
- 8 dealing with mental illness and mental retardation.
- 9 (6) Officers and staff for any State institution which
- 10 treats or rehabilitates individuals suffering from physical
- 11 handicaps.
- 12 (b) Any individual who violates the provisions of subsection
- 13 (a) shall be dismissed from their position and be guilty of a
- 14 summary offense and subject to a fine of \$300 and imprisonment
- 15 of 90 days.
- 16 Section 3. Construction. -- This act is deemed to be and shall
- 17 be construed to be a sound exercise of those residual police
- 18 powers inherent within this Commonwealth and necessary for the
- 19 public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of this
- 20 Commonwealth.
- 21 Section 4. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect
- 22 immediately.