

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 5, 1994

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," further providing for
21 general health administration.

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

24 Section 1. Section 2102(g) of the act of April 9, 1929
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
26 amended May 24, 1956 (1955 P.L.1692, No.573) and repealed in

1 part July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), is amended to read:

2 Section 2102. General Health Administration.--The Department
3 of Health shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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5 (g) To promulgate its rules and regulations, including
6 regulations dealing with the confidentiality of a hospital
7 patient's medical records which shall permit unrestricted access
8 to them by the patient's spouse, unless the patient
9 affirmatively requests a denial or other restriction.

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.