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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 17, 1999

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Governor to enter into a sister-state agreement
2 with the Province of Salta, Argentina.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) A number of states, including New Jersey, have
5 entered into sister-state agreements with foreign states or
6 nations.

7 (2) The goal of sister-state agreements is to promote
8 economic, educational and cultural exchanges.

9 (3) The value of sister-state agreements, mutual
10 prosperity and a better understanding of cultural differences
11 has repeatedly been demonstrated.

12 (4) International cooperation becomes imperative as
13 virtually every economy becomes a global economy.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Authority of Governor.

17 The Governor of this Commonwealth is authorized to negotiate

1 and enter into a sister-state agreement with the governor or
2 similar officer of the Province of Salta, Argentina.

3 Section 2. Appointment of task force.

4 Following execution of a sister-state agreement between the
5 Commonwealth and the Province of Salta, each party shall appoint
6 a task force to develop and recommend specific actions both the
7 Commonwealth and the Province of Salta will undertake under the
8 agreement. Each task force should consider the feasibility of
9 the following actions:

- 10 (1) Sponsoring trade missions.
- 11 (2) Creating student and faculty exchange programs.
- 12 (3) Implementing technology exchanges.
- 13 (4) Creating a joint tourism commission.
- 14 (5) Creating a framework for cultural cooperation and
15 cultural exchange.

16 Section 3. Report to General Assembly.

17 The Governor shall make periodic reports of actions taken
18 under the sister-state agreement to the General Assembly.

19 Section 4. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.