

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 1506 Session of  
1999

INTRODUCED BY HASAY, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE,  
L. I. COHEN, DALLY, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GORDNER,  
HALUSKA, HARHAI, HERMAN, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MELIO, METCALFE,  
MUNDY, NAILOR, ORIE, PIPPY, PLATTS, RAMOS, ROBINSON, ROSS,  
RUBLEY, SCRIMENTI, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, SOLOBAY, STABACK,  
STAIRS, STEVENSON, SURRA, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO,  
TRELLO, VITALI, WALKO, WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YEWCIC, YUDICHAK  
AND ZUG, MAY 12, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 12, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), entitled  
2 "An act requiring certain records of the Commonwealth and its  
3 political subdivisions and of certain authorities and other  
4 agencies performing essential governmental functions, to be  
5 open for examination and inspection by citizens of the  
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing such citizens under  
7 certain conditions to make extracts, copies, photographs or  
8 photostats of such records; and providing for appeals to the  
9 courts of common pleas," providing for penalties.

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

12 Section 1. The act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212),  
13 referred to as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended by adding a  
14 section to read:

15 Section 5. Any head of an agency who denies a citizen's  
16 request to inspect or copy any public record with the intent and  
17 purpose of violating this act, after receiving a written request  
18 from that citizen to inspect or copy such public record, commits

1 a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to  
2 pay a fine not exceeding \$100 plus costs of prosecution.  
3     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.