THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STAIRS, BASTIAN, FLICK, HERMAN, KREBS, R. MILLER, SCHULER, T. STEVENSON, GRUCELA, MUNDY, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SEMMEL, SHANER, S. H. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR AND WOJNAROSKI, JANUARY 23, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 2002

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), entitled,
- as reenacted, "An act providing for independent oversight and
- 3 review of regulations, creating an Independent Regulatory
- 4 Review Commission, providing for its powers and duties and
- 5 making repeals," further providing for classification of
- 6 documents.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. Section 7.1 of the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633,
- 10 No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, reenacted and
- 11 amended June 30, 1989 (P.L.73, No.19) and amended June 25, 1997
- 12 (P.L.252, No.24), is amended to read:
- 13 Section 7.1. Classification of documents.
- 14 If the commission or a committee finds that a published or
- 15 unpublished document should be promulgated as a regulation, the
- 16 commission or committee may present the matter to the Joint
- 17 Committee on Documents. The Joint Committee on Documents shall
- 18 determine whether the document should be promulgated as a
- 19 regulation [and may order an agency either to promulgate the

- document as a regulation within 180 days or to desist from the 1
- 2 use of the document in the business of the agency]. Except when
- 3 there is an affirmative determination by the Joint Committee on
- Documents that a document should not be published as a 4
- 5 regulation, the agency shall desist from the use of the document
- in the business of the agency and that agency shall publish the 6
- 7 document as a regulation as provided by law.
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.