## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 6, 2007

## AN ACT

- 1 Providing for a public health access program beneficiary
- 2 employer report; and imposing duties on the Secretary of
- 3 Health.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Definitions.
- 7 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 8 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 9 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 10 "Public health access program beneficiary." A person who
- 11 receives medical assistance or medical benefits or a person who
- 12 receives health care services that qualify as free care.
- 13 Section 2. Public health access program beneficiary employer
- 14 report.
- 15 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of
- 16 Health shall annually prepare a public health access program

- 1 beneficiary employer report.
- 2 Section 3. Report information.
- 3 (a) General rule. -- The report shall provide the following
- 4 information for each employer of 50 or more public health access
- 5 beneficiaries:
- 6 (1) The name and address of the employer.
- 7 (2) The number of public health access program
- 8 beneficiaries who are employees of the employer.
- 9 (3) The number of public health access program
- 10 beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees of
- 11 the employer.
- 12 (4) Whether the employer offers health benefits to its
- employees.
- 14 (5) The cost to the Commonwealth of providing public
- health access program benefits for their employees and
- 16 enrolled dependents.
- 17 (b) Exceptions.--The report shall not include the names of
- 18 any individual public health access program beneficiaries and
- 19 shall be subject to privacy standards.
- 20 Section 4. Annual report.
- 21 The report shall be submitted annually on February 1 to the
- 22 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
- 23 Representatives and the chair of the Public Health and Welfare
- 24 Committee of the Senate and the chair of the Health and Human
- 25 Services Committee of the House of Representatives.
- 26 Section 5. Effective date.
- 27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.