

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1876 Session of
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VULAKOVICH, WATSON, J. WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 3, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 3, 2007

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 fees
21 chargeable by Department of State; and providing for a
22 uniform form.

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

25 Section 1. Section 618-A(1) of the act of April 9, 1929
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is

1 amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

2 Section 618-A. Department of State.--The Department of State
3 is authorized to charge fees for the following purposes and in
4 the following amounts:

5 (1) Bureau of Commissions, Elections
6 and Legislation:

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8 (x) Fee for authentication of a document
9 for recognition by a foreign government
10 (apostille) or certification required in
11 an international
12 adoption proceeding..... 5.00

13 Section 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this
14 section, the department shall make available and publish in the
15 Pennsylvania Bulletin a uniform form to request for the
16 legalization of documents. The form shall include all of the
17 following:

- 18 (1) Name of requester.
19 (2) Organization.
20 (3) Address.
21 (4) Telephone number.
22 (5) Country for which documents are being prepared.
23 (6) Number of documents to be certified.
24 (7) Whether the request is for legalization of documents
25 for an international adoption proceeding.
26 (8) Signature of requester.

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28 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.