
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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J. WHITE, DALLY, MURT AND SIPTROTH, JUNE 10, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 10, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for documents.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 305 of Title 37 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

7 § 305. Documents.

8 The commission shall have the power and duty to:

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10 (7) Birth and death records provided to public.--
11 Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, all
12 electronic records pertaining to births and deaths filed 100
13 years prior to the current year shall be made available to
14 the public. Such records shall be accessible to the public
15 through the Pennsylvania Genealogical Research System
16 established in paragraph (8).

1 (8) Establishment of Pennsylvania Genealogical Research
2 System.--The system shall meet the following requirements:

3 (i) Consist of an electronic registration and access
4 system to be constructed and maintained by the
5 Pennsylvania State Archives.

6 (ii) Contain records management controls to assure
7 the privacy, authenticity and integrity of the
8 information the original records contain.

9 (iii) Include provisions for redaction of sensitive
10 personal information as deemed necessary, including
11 Social Security numbers.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.