THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 92

Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, CORMAN, RHOADES, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, PUNT, VANCE, M. WHITE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON AND WOZNIAK, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

AN ACT

- 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 Executive Department thereof and the administrative 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 6 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative 10 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments, 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 13 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
- 27 amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

- 1 Section 618-A. Department of State. -- The Department of State
- 2 is authorized to charge fees for the following purposes and in
- 3 the following amounts:
- 4 (1) Bureau of Commissions, Elections
- 5 and Legislation:
- 6 * * *
- 7 (x) Fee for authentication of a document
- 8 <u>for recognition by a foreign government</u>
- 9 <u>(apostille) or certification required in</u>
- an international adoption proceeding.........5.00
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- 12 Section 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this
- 13 section, the department shall make available and publish in the
- 14 Pennsylvania Bulletin a uniform form to request for the
- 15 legalization of documents. The form shall include all of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (1) Name of requester.
- 18 (2) Organization.
- 19 (3) Address.
- 20 (4) Telephone number.
- 21 (5) Country for which documents are being prepared.
- 22 (6) Number of documents to be certified.
- 23 (7) Whether the request is for legalization of documents
- for an international adoption proceeding.
- 25 (8) Signature of requester.
- 26 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.