

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, adding a definition of "community  
3 paper of mass dissemination"; and further providing for legal  
4 advertising.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 101(a) of Title 45 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 101. Definitions.

10 (a) Definitions applicable to printing or newspaper  
11 advertising laws.--Subject to additional definitions contained  
12 in subsequent provisions of this title which are applicable to  
13 specific provisions of this title, the following words and  
14 phrases when used in:

15 (1) this title; or

16 (2) any other law relating to printing or newspaper  
17 advertising;

18 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the

1 meanings given to them in this subsection:

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3 "Community paper of mass dissemination."

4 (1) A printed paper or publication, bearing a title or  
5 name, and conveying reading or pictorial intelligence of  
6 passing events, local or general happenings, printing  
7 regularly or irregularly editorial comment, announcements,  
8 miscellaneous reading matter, commercial advertising,  
9 classified advertising, legal advertising and other notices,  
10 and which has been issued in numbers of four or more pages at  
11 short intervals, either daily, twice or more often each week,  
12 or weekly, continuously during a period of at least six  
13 months, or as the successor of such a printed paper or  
14 publication issued during an immediate prior period of at  
15 least six months, and which has been circulated and  
16 distributed from an established place of business to the  
17 community at large.

18 (2) For purposes of this definition, continuous  
19 publication shall not be deemed interrupted by any  
20 involuntary suspension of publication resulting from loss,  
21 destruction, failure or unavailability of operating  
22 facilities, equipment or personnel from whatever cause, and  
23 any community paper of mass distribution so affected shall  
24 not be disqualified to publish official and legal advertising  
25 in the event that publication is resumed within one week  
26 after it again becomes possible.

27 (3) A community paper of mass dissemination shall do one  
28 of the following:

29 (i) Distribute through the United States mail to  
30 entire local zip codes.

1           (ii) Distribute by carriers to the majority of  
2           established addresses, or be widely available at  
3           numerous, widely visited public locations within the  
4           political subdivision effecting the advertising and have  
5           the distribution independently verified by an accredited  
6           auditor of circulations.

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8           Section 2. Title 45 is amended by adding a section to read:  
9           § 311. Use of community papers of mass dissemination.

10          (a) General rule.--A government unit may, at its discretion,  
11          authorize publication in a community paper of mass dissemination  
12          in substitution of publication in a newspaper of general  
13          circulation.

14          (b) Construction.--Nothing in this section alters or affects  
15          the obligation to publish a legal notice in a legal newspaper.

16          Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.