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BENNINGHOFF, LUCYK, KELLER, BOSCOLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, ROBERTS,  
TRELLO AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 14, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting sale of  
3 certain information by a witness.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5919.1. Sale of information prohibited.

9 A person who has firsthand knowledge or direct information  
10 concerning a criminal case and who is subject to being called to  
11 testify at the trial may not sell this information to the news  
12 media until all trials concerning the criminal case have been  
13 completed.

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