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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board within
2 the Department of Public Welfare; and providing for its
3 powers and duties.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Family
8 Caregiver Support Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Public Welfare of the
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Advisory board." The Family Caregiver Advisory Board
16 established under this act.

17 Section 3. Family Caregiver Advisory Board.

1 (a) Establishment.--The Family Caregiver Advisory Board
2 established within the Department of Public Welfare.

3 (b) Membership.--The advisory board shall consist of nine
4 members appointed by the Governor and shall be subject to
5 confirmation by the Senate.

6 (c) Term of office.--

7 (1) A member of the advisory board shall serve for a
8 four-year term, subject to removal by the Governor. The first
9 members of the advisory board shall serve as follows:

10 (i) Three members shall have a term ending January
11 1, 2012.

12 (ii) Three members shall have a term ending January
13 1, 2013.

14 (iii) Three members shall have a term ending January
15 1, 2014.

16 (2) Before the expiration of the term of a member, the
17 Governor shall appoint a successor whose term shall begin on
18 July 1, next following.

19 (3) A member shall be eligible for reappointment.

20 (4) If there is a vacancy of any member's office, the
21 Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately
22 effective for the unexpired term.

23 (5) A member of the board shall be entitled to
24 compensation as determined by the Executive Board and to
25 reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the
26 performance of official duties of the advisory board.

27 (d) Eligibility.--In order to qualify for membership on the
28 advisory board, the individual must be a resident of this
29 Commonwealth and be well informed about the needs of family
30 caregivers.

1 (e) Officers of advisory board.--The advisory board shall
2 select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice
3 chairperson for such terms and with such duties and powers as
4 necessary for the performance of the functions as the advisory
5 board determines.

6 (f) Quorum.--A majority of the members of the advisory board
7 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8 (g) Meetings.--The advisory board shall meet at least once
9 every three months as determined by the advisory board. The
10 advisory board may also meet at other times as specified by the
11 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the
12 advisory board.

13 Section 4. Powers and duties.

14 The board shall advise the department on the needs of family
15 caregivers in programs administered by the department.

16 Section 5. Regulations.

17 The board shall promulgate the rules and regulations
18 necessary to administer this act.

19 Section 6. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.