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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the prohibition of  
3 unauthorized applications.

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

6 Section 1. Title 71 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

8 PART XXX

9 STATE-OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND NETWORKS

10 Chapter

11 71. (Reserved)

12 73. Unauthorized Applications

13 CHAPTER 71

14 (Reserved)

15 CHAPTER 73

16 UNAUTHORIZED APPLICATIONS

17 Sec.

18 7301. Definitions.

1 7302. Prohibition.

2 § 7301. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Electronic device." A device that is capable of downloading  
7 and accessing an unauthorized application.

8 "State-owned." State money was used in acquiring the device.

9 "Unauthorized application." The social networking service  
10 TikTok or any successor application or service developed or  
11 provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance  
12 Limited.

13 § 7302. Prohibition.

14 (a) On device.--Within three months of the effective date of  
15 this subsection, a State-owned electronic device may not have an  
16 unauthorized application downloaded or installed on the device.

17 (b) On network.--An individual may not access an  
18 unauthorized application on a State wireless network.

19 (c) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to law  
20 enforcement activities, security interests, security research or  
21 risk mitigation actions.

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