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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 843**      Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, FERLO, MUSTO, TARTAGLIONE,  
COSTA, LAVALLE AND BROWNE, MAY 8, 2007

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 8, 2007

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AN ACT

1 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  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
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," establishing the Office of  
21 Illness Monitoring and Investigation within the Department of  
22 Health; and providing for its powers and duties.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

27 section to read:

1        Section 2126. Office of Illness Monitoring and  
2 Investigation.--The Office of Illness Monitoring and  
3 Investigation is established within the Department of Health to  
4 study health data of the residents of this Commonwealth for the  
5 purpose of identifying sites having high incidences of illness  
6 and possible external causes, including, but not limited to,  
7 geographic clusters of cancer cases. The office shall work in  
8 conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection and  
9 any other appropriate Commonwealth agency to determine whether  
10 any measurable external reasons may cause such high incidences  
11 of illness and to develop a response.

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