
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 933

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY NOYE, O'KEEFE, MILLER, BERLIN, DIETZ AND
E. Z. TAYLOR, APRIL 20, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 20, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), entitled
2 "An act relating to Commonwealth documents; providing for the
3 printing and distribution of administrative regulations;
4 regulating the adoption, publication, codification and
5 effectiveness of regulations, statements of policy, and
6 certain other Commonwealth documents; creating the Joint
7 Committee on Documents and prescribing its powers and duties;
8 providing penalties, and making appropriations and repeals,"
9 providing for approval or disapproval of regulations by the
10 Legislature.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), known
14 as the "Commonwealth Documents Law," is amended by adding a
15 section to read:

16 Section 201.1. Legislative Approval or Disapproval;
17 Effect.--A copy of every rule or amendment to a rule proposed by
18 an agency shall before adoption be forwarded to the speaker of
19 the assembly and to the president of the Senate for referral to
20 and review by the appropriate standing committee of the House of
21 Representatives and of the Senate as determined by the
22 respective presiding officer. The standing committee shall,

1 within sixty days from the receipt of such proposed rule or
2 amendment approve or disapprove any such proposed rule or
3 amendment. Failure of the standing committee to disapprove any
4 proposed rule or amendment within the review time shall
5 constitute approval thereof. If the standing committees of both
6 the Senate and the House of Representatives disapprove any
7 proposed rule or amendment the agency shall not adopt the
8 proposed rule or amendment. Only in the absence of a disapproval
9 the agency shall proceed with the adoption of the rule or
10 amendment in accordance with section 202.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.