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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

AN ACT

1 Imposing a moratorium on the construction and operation of
2 private prisons; and charging the Department of Corrections
3 with the responsibility to conduct an investigation of
4 private prisons.

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

7 Section 1. Moratorium on construction and operation of private
8 prisons.

9 (a) Prohibition.--On and after the effective date of this
10 act, no private prison shall be constructed or operated within
11 this Commonwealth.

12 (b) End of moratorium.--The prohibition against the
13 construction and operation of private prisons shall remain in
14 effect until the investigation required by section 2 has been
15 completed.

16 (c) Definition.--As used in this section the term "private
17 prison" means any facility for prisoners that is not owned or
18 operated by the United States, the Commonwealth, a county or

1 other municipality.

2 Section 2. Investigation by Department of Corrections.

3 (a) Use of private prisons.--The Department of Corrections
4 shall conduct a full-scale investigation of the implications and
5 ramifications of the use of private prisons in this
6 Commonwealth.

7 (b) Time for investigation.--The Department of Corrections
8 shall commence its investigation within 30 days of the effective
9 date of this act and shall issue a report of its findings to the
10 General Assembly not later than one year after the effective
11 date of this act.

12 Section 3. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect immediately.