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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 4, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for personal
4 care boarding home administrators.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
8 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a
9 definition to read:

10 Section 1001. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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12 "Personal care home administrator" means any individual who
13 is charged with the general administration of a personal care
14 home, whether or not such individual has an ownership interest
15 in such home and whether or not his functions and duties are
16 shared with one or more individuals.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1010. Personal Care Home Administrators.--(a) The department shall, after January 1, 1988, require that all personal care boarding homes identify and appoint a boarding home administrator.

(b) A personal care boarding home administrator shall:

(1) Be at least twenty-one years of age, have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development diploma and be of good moral character.

(2) Have knowledge, education and training in:

(i) Fire prevention and emergency planning.

(ii) First aid, administration of medications, medical terminology and personal hygiene.

(iii) Nutrition.

(iv) Recreation.

(v) Mental illness and gerontology.

(vi) Community resources and social services.

By January 1987, the department shall develop such standards for education, training or knowledge to meet the standards of this subsection. In developing standards for education, training and knowledge, the department shall establish an advisory board which shall include owners or operators of personal care boarding homes and members of the public representing residents of personal care boarding homes.

(c) If not otherwise available, the department shall schedule and offer at cost, training and educational programs for a person to meet the knowledge, educational and training requirements required by this act.

(d) The department may require personal care boarding home operators to annually and satisfactorily complete additional

- 1 training and educational programs after consultation with the
- 2 advisory board established in subsection (b).
- 3 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.