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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.876, No.169), entitled
2 "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Crime Commission and
3 providing for its powers and duties," further providing for
4 the duties of the commission and reports by the commission.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.876,
8 No.169), known as the Pennsylvania Crime Commission Act, amended
9 April 30, 1986 (P.L.132, No.40), is amended to read:

10 Section 4. Powers and duties.

11 The Pennsylvania Crime Commission shall have the power and
12 its duty shall be:

13 (1) To inquire into organized crime and activities of
14 persons engaged in or associated with organized crime.

15 (2) To inquire into public corruption and the activities
16 of persons engaged in and associated with public corruption.

17 (3) In accomplishing the above duties, to perform the
18 function of intelligence, including collection, evaluation,

1 analysis and dissemination essential to the effective
2 operation of the commission during inquiry into the nature
3 and scope of organized crime.

4 [(3)] (4) To make a detailed written report of every
5 completed investigation which may include recommendation for
6 legislative or administrative action.

7 [(4)] (5) To account to the Governor, the Auditor
8 General and the General Assembly at the end of each fiscal
9 year for all moneys received and disbursed.

10 [(5)] (6) To submit, during April of each calendar year,
11 an annual report on the status of organized crime in the
12 Commonwealth to a joint public hearing of the Judiciary
13 Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The
14 report shall include an evaluation of the manner in which the
15 performance of the commission is accomplishing the functions
16 mandated under this act. In addition the commission shall
17 submit other reports prepared pursuant to this section and to
18 present said reports at public hearings of the committees of
19 the Senate and the House of Representatives having oversight
20 responsibilities or appropriate legislative jurisdiction of
21 the subject matter of said reports.

22 [(6)] (7) Through its chairman, to call upon the
23 department heads of State Government and State agencies for
24 such information and assistance as is needed to carry out the
25 functions of the commission.

26 [(7)] (8) To require the attendance and testimony of
27 witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relative
28 to any investigation which the commission may conduct in
29 accordance with the powers given it. Such subpoenas shall be
30 signed by the chairman, the executive director and two

1 commissioners and shall be served by any person authorized to
2 serve subpoenas under the laws of the Commonwealth.

3 [(8)] (9) To appoint and fix the compensation of an
4 executive director who shall devote his full time to the
5 general supervision of all investigations and proceedings by
6 the commission.

7 [(9)] (10) To appoint and fix the compensation of such
8 other employees as the commission may from time to time find
9 necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the
10 commission. Investigative employees of the commission shall
11 be deemed law enforcement officers.

12 [(10.1)] (11) To promulgate and publish rules and
13 regulations, including those regulations controlling or
14 defining the:

15 (i) Calling of meetings.

16 (ii) Investigative responsibilities of commission
17 members.

18 (iii) Written procedures to be utilized by the
19 commission's investigative management staff in planning
20 and supervising investigations and inquiries.

21 (iv) Dissemination of materials, including
22 dissemination to the Governor and members or committees
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (v) Appropriate use of commission property,
25 including all vehicles.

26 (vi) Maintenance of confidentiality of information.

27 (vii) All other procedures and acts as are necessary
28 for the proper functioning of the commission.

29 [(11)] (12) To perform such other acts as are necessary
30 for the proper functioning of the commission.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.