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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 26, 1989

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 Minority Health within the Department of Health; and
22 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 2122. Office of Minority Health.--(a) There is
2 hereby established the Office of Minority Health within the
3 Department of Health.

4 (b) The Secretary of Health shall appoint the director of
5 the office, who shall serve at his pleasure. All other
6 professional and clerical staff shall be appointed under the act
7 of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the "Civil Service
8 Act."

9 (c) The office is charged generally with the promotion of
10 health amongst minority groups within this Commonwealth. To this
11 end the office shall:

12 (1) Identify areas of need in minority health care and
13 identify the resources of the various Federal, State and local
14 governmental agencies, and the nonprofit and for-profit
15 organizations which may be available to address those needs.

16 (2) Coordinate the provision of health care to members of
17 minority groups given by public and private health care
18 agencies.

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