

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No. 1512 Session of  
1995

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ROONEY, CLARK, ARGALL, TIGUE, KUKOVICH, BROWN, WAUGH, NICKOL,  
STERN, STABACK, HALUSKA, SEMMEL, SURRA, HANNA AND TRELLO,  
MAY 1, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 1, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), entitled  
2 "An act concerning notaries public; and amending, revising,  
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further  
4 providing for the notarial seal.

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

7 Section 1. Section 12 of the act of August 21, 1953  
8 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as The Notary Public Law, amended June  
9 30, 1988 (P.L.462, No.78), is amended to read:

10 Section 12. Notarial Seal.--(a) A notary public shall  
11 provide and keep an official seal which shall be used to  
12 authenticate all the acts, instruments and attestations of the  
13 notary. The seal shall be a circular rubber stamp and shall show  
14 clearly in the following order: [the words "Notarial Seal";] the  
15 name and surname of the notary [and]; the words "Notary Public";  
16 [the name of the political subdivision and county in which the  
17 notary maintains an office; and] the date the notary's  
18 commission expires[.]; and the county in which the notary

1 maintains an office.

2 (b) The seal shall [have a maximum height of one (1) inch  
3 and width of three and one-half (3 1/2) inches, with a plain  
4 border] be one and three-fourths (1 3/4) inches in diameter. It  
5 shall be stamped in a prominent place on the official notarial  
6 act near the notary's signature in such a manner as to be  
7 capable of photographic reproduction.

8 [(c) In addition to the official seal required in subsection  
9 (a), a notary public shall also use and keep an embosser upon  
10 which shall be engraved the words "Notary Public, Commonwealth  
11 of Pennsylvania," and the name and surname of the notary. All  
12 documents executed shall bear a legibly embossed impression.]

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