

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2656 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 13, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 26, 1947 (P.L.318, No.140), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act relating to the practice of public
3 accounting; providing for the examination, education and
4 experience requirements for certification of certified public
5 accountants and for the licensing of certified public
6 accountants, public accountants and firms; requiring
7 continuing education and peer review; providing for the
8 organization and ownership of firms and for the procedures
9 and grounds for discipline and reinstatement of licensees;
10 prescribing the powers and duties of the State Board of
11 Accountancy and the Department of State; providing for
12 ownership of working papers and confidentiality; regulating
13 the professional responsibility of licensees; defining
14 unlawful acts and acts not unlawful; providing penalties; and
15 repealing existing laws," further providing for discipline;
16 and imposing duties on the State Board of Accountancy and the
17 Legislative Reference Bureau.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 9.1 of the act of May 26, 1947 (P.L.318,
21 No.140), known as the CPA Law, reenacted and amended December 8,
22 1976 (P.L.1280, No.286), is amended by adding a subsection to

1 read:

2 Section 9.1. Grounds for Discipline.--* * *

3 (a.1.) The board shall immediately suspend for one year the
4 certificate of a certified public accountant or the registration
5 of a public accountant upon certification from a court of
6 competent jurisdiction that the accountant has been sentenced
7 for an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4903(a)(3) (relating to false
8 swearing) or a similar offense in another jurisdiction. After
9 the suspension under this subsection, the accountant must apply
10 to the board for reinstatement.

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12 Section 2. If 18 Pa.C.S. § 4903 is amended to include
13 falsification in a report under 15 Pa.C.S. § 1554 or 5553, the
14 State Board of Accountancy shall transmit notice of the
15 amendment to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in
16 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

18 (1) The addition of section 9.1(a.1) of the act shall
19 take effect upon publication of the notice under section 2 of
20 this act.

21 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
22 immediately.