## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

## No. 2266 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY TANGRETTI, CALTAGIRONE, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DALLY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, MANN, MARKOSEK, MICOZZIE, NAILOR, PISTELLA, REED, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, SURRA, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 22, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, NOVEMBER 22, 2005

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
- disclosure form.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 7304 of Title 68 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 7304. Disclosure form.
- 9 (a) General rule. -- A form of property disclosure statement
- 10 that satisfies the requirements of this chapter shall be
- 11 promulgated by the State Real Estate Commission. Nothing in this
- 12 chapter shall preclude a seller from using a form of property
- 13 disclosure statement that contains additional provisions that
- 14 require greater specificity or that call for the disclosure of
- 15 the condition or existence of other features of the property.
- 16 (b) Contents of property disclosure statement.--The form of
- 17 property disclosure statement promulgated by the State Real

- 1 Estate Commission shall call for disclosures with respect to all
- 2 of the following subjects:
- 3 (1) Seller's expertise in contracting, engineering,
- 4 architecture or other areas related to the construction and
- 5 conditions of the property and its improvements.
- 6 (2) When the property was last occupied by the seller.
- 7 (3) Roof.
- 8 (4) Basements and crawl spaces.
- 9 (5) Termites/wood destroying insects, dry rot and pests.
- 10 (6) Structural problems.
- 11 (7) Additions, remodeling and structural changes to the
- 12 property.
- 13 (8) Water and sewage systems or service.
- 14 (9) Plumbing system.
- 15 (10) Heating and air conditioning.
- 16 (11) Electrical system.
- 17 (12) Other equipment and appliances included in the
- 18 sale.
- 19 (13) Soils, drainage and boundaries.
- 20 (14) Presence of hazardous substances.
- 21 (15) Condominiums and other homeowners associations.
- 22 (16) Legal issues affecting title or that would
- interfere with use and enjoyment of the property.
- 24 (17) Prior use of the premises for the manufacture of
- 25 <u>methamphetamine</u>, <u>ecstasy or LSD</u>.
- 26 (c) Transitional rule. -- Until a form of property disclosure
- 27 statement has been promulgated by the commission, the form
- 28 prescribed under the act of July 2, 1996 (P.L.500, No.84), known
- 29 as the Real Estate Seller Disclosure Act, shall be deemed to be
- 30 the form contemplated under subsection (b).

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