THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1534 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY DENLINGER, BELFANTI, BOYD, CLYMER, COHEN, FLECK, GINGRICH, HENNESSEY, MAHONEY, RAPP, ROHRER, STERN AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 18, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 18, 2007

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "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 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 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and 9 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, 11 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the 17 18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other 19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and 20 commissions shall be determined, "further providing for 21 Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.
- 22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 23 hereby enacts as follows:
- 24 Section 1. Section 711 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
- 25 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by
- 26 adding a subsection to read:
- 27 Section 711. Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.--* *

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- 2 (a.2) The qualifications prescribed by the commissioner
- 3 shall include minimum audio acuity standards. The standards
- 4 shall require an applicant to have audio acuity sufficient to
- 5 <u>distinguish a normal whisper at a distance of fifteen feet. The</u>
- 6 test shall be independently conducted for each ear while the
- 7 tested ear is facing away from the speaker and the other ear is
- 8 firmly covered with the palm of the hand. If the applicant fails
- 9 this test, the applicant shall be required to take and pass a
- 10 <u>decibel audio test. The applicant may use a hearing aid or other</u>
- 11 aid to perform any audio acuity test required under this
- 12 <u>subsection</u>.
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- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.