

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY O'NEILL, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, EVERETT, GROVE,  
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J. TAYLOR, WATERS AND WATSON, DECEMBER 17, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 17, 2009

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting the cheese steak as the  
2 official sandwich of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby finds and declares as follows:

5 WHEREAS, The cheese steak made its official debut in 1930  
6 when a South Philadelphia hot dog vendor decided to put some  
7 beef from the butcher on his grill.

8 WHEREAS, A cheese steak is a long, crusty roll filled with  
9 thinly sliced sauteed ribeye beef and melted cheese.

10 WHEREAS, The cheese of choice is Cheez Whiz, but American and  
11 Provolone are common substitutions.

12 WHEREAS, Other toppings may include fried onions, sauteed  
13 mushrooms, ketchup and hot or sweet peppers.

14 WHEREAS, The art of cheese steak preparation lies in the  
15 balance of flavors, textures and what is often referred to as  
16 the "drip" factor.

17 WHEREAS, Cheese steaks are fast, portable and readily

1 available at steak shops, delis, food trucks, pizzerias and even  
2 some high-end restaurants throughout this Commonwealth.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Official State Sandwich.

6 The cheese steak is hereby selected, designated and adopted  
7 as the official sandwich of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

8 Section 2. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect immediately.