

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MARCH 7,
2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184), entitled
2 "An act defining honey and regulating its sale and the
3 labeling and sale of imitations of honey; and providing
4 penalties for violation," further providing for a standard of
5 identity for manufactured honey.

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

8 Section 1. The act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184),
9 referred to as the Honey Sale and Labeling Act, is amended by
10 adding a section to read:

11 Section 2.1. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within one
12 year of the effective date of this section, promulgate
13 regulations to establish a standard of identity for honey which
14 standard shall apply to all honey manufactured, sold, kept for
15 sale or exposed or offered for sale in this Commonwealth. In
16 establishing the standard, the secretary shall commence with the
17 Codex Standard for Honey approved and adopted by the Codex
18 Alimentarius Commission and shall explain the reason for any

1 modification of the Codex Standard for Honey prior to finalizing
2 the regulations.

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