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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JULY 18, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Providing for Pennsylvania-manufactured incandescent light  
2 bulbs.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania  
7 Incandescent Light Bulb Freedom Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Generic and insignificant parts." Include, but are not  
13 limited to, steel, glass, springs, screws, nuts, pins and  
14 ceramics.

15 "Incandescent light bulb." A light bulb containing a  
16 filament or filaments that produce light when the filament or

1 filaments are heated due to electrical resistance.

2 Section 3. Applicability of Federal law and regulation.

3 (a) General rule.--An incandescent light bulb that is  
4 manufactured commercially or privately in this Commonwealth from  
5 basic materials that can be manufactured without the inclusion  
6 of any significant parts imported from another state and is  
7 offered for sale and sold for use only within this Commonwealth  
8 is deemed to be in the stream of intrastate commerce, rather  
9 than interstate commerce, and is not subject to Federal law or  
10 regulation.

11 (b) Generic and insignificant parts.--The incorporation of  
12 generic and insignificant parts imported from another state in  
13 an incandescent light bulb that is manufactured and sold in this  
14 Commonwealth under subsection (a) which have other manufacturing  
15 or consumer product applications does not bring an incandescent  
16 light bulb into interstate commerce and does not subject it to  
17 Federal law or regulation.

18 (c) Basic materials.--Basic materials, such as unmachined  
19 and unshaped steel and glass, imported from another state that  
20 are to be altered for incorporation into an incandescent light  
21 bulb are deemed to be an insignificant part of the bulb under  
22 subsection (b) prior to their alteration and after their  
23 incorporation into the bulb. If these basic materials are  
24 otherwise manufactured, offered for sale and sold in accordance  
25 with subsection (a), they are not in interstate commerce and not  
26 subject to Federal law or regulation under subsection (b).

27 Section 4. Indication of manufacture.

28 An incandescent light bulb manufactured, offered for sale or  
29 sold in this Commonwealth under this act must have the words  
30 "Made in Pennsylvania" clearly stamped, engraved or otherwise

1 clearly indicated on a central part of the bulb.

2 Section 5. Applicability.

3 This act applies to incandescent light bulbs that are  
4 manufactured on or after the effective date of this act.

5 Section 6. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect immediately.