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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 22, 2011

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting depictions of members of the General Assembly in
2 certain public service announcements; and prescribing a
3 penalty.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Legislative
8 Public Service Announcement Prohibition Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Commonwealth funds." Any moneys appropriated from the
14 General Fund or any special fund in the State Treasury that is
15 comprised of moneys collected by a tax imposed by the
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Public service announcement." An advertisement that
18 promotes programs, activities or services of Federal, State or

1 local governments or the programs, activities or services of
2 nonprofit organizations or any other advertisement regarded as
3 serving community interests.

4 Section 3. Prohibition.

5 No person may depict the name, voice or image of a member of
6 the General Assembly in a public service announcement for which
7 Commonwealth funds were expended, if the expenditure involves:

8 (1) the purchase or the reimbursement for the purchase
9 of any radio or television broadcast time for the public
10 service announcement; or

11 (2) production costs associated with the public service
12 announcement.

13 Section 4. Penalty.

14 A person who violates section 3 commits a misdemeanor of the
15 third degree.

16 Section 5. Restitution.

17 The court shall, in addition to any other sentence authorized
18 by law, sentence a person convicted of violating section 3 to
19 make restitution to the Commonwealth in an amount equal to the
20 Commonwealth funds expended in violation of section 3.

21 Section 6. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.