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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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BREWSTER, APRIL 17, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial  
3 acts, further providing for definitions, for personal  
4 appearance required and for identification of individual.

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

7 Section 1. Section 302 of Title 57 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 302. Definitions.

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

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14 "Audio-video communication." Being able to see, hear and  
15 communicate with another individual in real time using  
16 electronic means.

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18 Section 2. Section 306 of Title 57 is amended to read:

19 § 306. [Personal appearance required] Appearance.

1 If a notarial act relates to a statement made in or a  
2 signature executed on a record, the individual making the  
3 statement or executing the signature shall appear personally  
4 either by being in the notarial officer's physical presence or  
5 by means of audio-video communication before the notarial  
6 officer.

7 Section 3. Section 307(b) (1) of Title 57 is amended by  
8 adding a subparagraph to read:

9 § 307. Identification of individual.

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11 (b) Satisfactory evidence.--A notarial officer has  
12 satisfactory evidence of the identity of an individual appearing  
13 before the notarial officer if the notarial officer can identify  
14 the individual as set forth in any of the following paragraphs:

15 (1) By means set forth in any of the following  
16 subparagraphs:

17 \* \* \*

18 (iii) In the case of a notarial act by means of  
19 audio-video communication, by any method which complies  
20 with rules adopted by the department under this section.

21 \* \* \*

22 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.