

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 1052** Session of  
2019

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REESE, MILLARD AND WARNER, APRIL 5, 2019

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JUNE 5, 2019

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Drug  
22 and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and  
23 duties.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 2301-A of the act of April 9, 1929  
27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is

1 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

2 Section 2301-A. Powers and duties.

3 The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall have the  
4 power and its duty shall be:

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6 (8.1) To require treatment facilities to notify an  
7 emergency contact designated by a patient if the patient  
8 leaves a treatment facility against medical advice, provided  
9 that the patient has not revoked consent to notify the  
10 emergency contact. NOTIFICATION MUST OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AND IN <--  
11 NO EVENT LATER THAN 12 HOURS OF A PATIENT LEAVING AGAINST  
12 MEDICAL ADVICE.

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