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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 2010 (P.L.266, No.44), entitled "An
2 act providing for divestiture by the State Treasurer, the
3 State Employees' Retirement System and the Public School
4 Employees' Retirement System of investments in companies
5 doing business in Iran and Sudan," amending the title of the
6 act; and further providing for definitions, for required
7 actions, for reporting and for expiration.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The title of the act of July 2, 2010 (P.L.266,
11 No.44), known as the Protecting Pennsylvania's Investments Act,
12 is amended to read:

13 AN ACT

14 Providing for divestiture by the State Treasurer, the State
15 Employees' Retirement System and the Public School Employees'
16 Retirement System of investments in companies doing business
17 in Brunei, Iran and Sudan.

18 Section 2. The definitions of "business activities," "oil-
19 related activities," "scrutinized company" and "social
20 development company" in section 2 of the act are amended and the

1 section is amended by adding definitions to read:

2 Section 2. Definitions.

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

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7 "Brunei." The nation of Brunei.

8 "Business activities." Owning or controlling property or
9 assets located in, having employees or facilities located in,
10 providing goods or services to, having distribution agreements
11 with, issuing credit or loans to, purchasing bonds or commercial
12 paper issued by, investing in or having equity ties to or with
13 Brunei, Iran[,] or Sudan or any company domiciled in Brunei,
14 Iran or Sudan.

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16 "Government of Brunei." The government of Brunei and its
17 instrumentalities and companies owned or controlled by the
18 government of Brunei.

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20 "Oil-related activities." The term includes all of the
21 following:

22 (1) Development of petroleum or natural gas resources of
23 Brunei, Iran or Sudan. This paragraph does not include the
24 mere sale of gasoline and related consumer products.

25 (2) Owning rights to oil or natural gas blocks.

26 (3) Exporting, extracting, producing, refining,
27 processing, exploring for, transporting, selling or trading
28 oil or natural gas.

29 (4) Constructing, maintaining or operating any pipeline,
30 refinery, liquefaction facility or other oil or natural gas

1 infrastructure.

2 (5) Facilitating activities referred to in paragraph
3 (1), (2), (3) or (4), including by supplying services in
4 support of the activities.

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6 "Scrutinized company." Any of the following:

7 (1) Any foreign company that has:

8 (i) invested at least \$20,000,000 in oil-related
9 activities in Brunei or Iran in any 12-month period since
10 August 5, 1996;

11 (ii) supplied military equipment to the government
12 of Iran within the 12-month period prior to the effective
13 date of this section; or

14 (iii) knowingly and intentionally violated the
15 United States export controls with respect to Brunei or
16 Iran during the 12-month period prior to the effective
17 date of this section.

18 (2) Any foreign company that meets the criteria set
19 forth either in subparagraph (i) or (ii):

20 (i) The company has business activities that involve
21 contracts with or provision of supplies or services to
22 the government of Brunei or the government of Sudan,
23 companies in which the government of Brunei or the
24 government of Sudan has any direct equity share,
25 government of Brunei-commissioned or government of Sudan-
26 commissioned consortiums or projects, or companies
27 involved in government of Brunei-commissioned or
28 government of Sudan-commissioned consortiums or projects;
29 and

30 (A) more than 10% of the company's revenue or

1 assets linked to Brunei or Sudan involve oil-related
2 activities or mineral extraction activities; less
3 than 75% of the company's revenues or assets linked
4 to Brunei or Sudan involve contracts with or
5 provision of oil-related or mineral extracting
6 products or services to the government of Brunei or
7 the regional government of southern Sudan or a
8 project or consortium created exclusively by that
9 regional government; and the company has failed to
10 take substantial action specific to Brunei or Sudan;
11 or

12 (B) more than 10% of the company's revenues or
13 assets linked to Brunei or Sudan involve power
14 production activities; less than 75% of the company's
15 power production activities include projects whose
16 intent is to provide power or electricity to the
17 marginalized populations of Sudan; and the company
18 has failed to take substantial action specific to
19 Brunei or Sudan.

20 (ii) The company supplies military equipment within
21 Brunei or Sudan, unless it clearly shows that the
22 military equipment cannot be used to facilitate offensive
23 military actions in Brunei or Sudan or the company
24 implements rigorous and verifiable safeguards to prevent
25 use of that equipment by forces actively participating in
26 armed conflict, for example, through post-sale tracking
27 of such equipment by the company, certification from a
28 reputable and objective third party that such equipment
29 is not being used by a party participating in armed
30 conflict in Brunei or Sudan or sale of such equipment

1 solely to the regional government of southern Sudan or
2 any internationally recognized peacekeeping force or
3 humanitarian organization.

4 The term does not include a foreign company that is a social
5 development company.

6 "Social development company." A company whose primary
7 purpose in Brunei, Iran or Sudan is to provide humanitarian
8 goods or services, including medicine or medical equipment,
9 agricultural supplies or infrastructure; educational
10 opportunities; journalism-related activities; information or
11 information materials; spiritual-related activities; services of
12 a purely clerical or reporting nature; food, clothing or general
13 consumer goods.

14 "Substantial action specific to Brunei." Adopting,
15 publicizing and implementing a formal plan to cease scrutinized
16 business activities within one year and to refrain from any such
17 new business activities; or through engagement with the
18 government of Brunei, accomplishing the repeal of the Syariah
19 Penal Code imposed on the Muslim population of Brunei.

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21 Section 3. Sections 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) and 5(b), (c)
22 introductory paragraph and (d) (1) of the act are amended to
23 read:

24 Section 4. Required actions.

25 (a) Procedure.--A public fund shall adhere to the procedures
26 under this section for determining companies on its Scrutinized
27 Companies with Activities in Brunei List, Scrutinized Companies
28 with Activities in Iran List and Scrutinized Companies with
29 Activities in Sudan List that qualify for divestment.

30 (b) Engagement.--

1 (1) For each company on a public fund's Scrutinized
2 Companies with Activities in Brunei List, Scrutinized
3 Companies with Activities in Iran List or Scrutinized
4 Companies with Activities in Sudan List in which the public
5 fund has direct holdings, the public fund shall send a
6 written notice informing the company of its scrutinized
7 company status and specify the business activities which have
8 resulted in this determination and that it may become subject
9 to divestment by the public fund. The notice must inform the
10 company of the opportunity to clarify its scrutinized
11 business activities and encourage the company, within 180
12 days of the date of receipt of the notice, to cease its
13 scrutinized business activities in Brunei, Iran[] or Sudan
14 [or both] or convert the activities to inactive business
15 activities in order to avoid qualifying for divestment by the
16 public fund. The notice shall be sent no later than 120 days
17 after the effective date of this section.

18 (2) If, within 180 days of the date of receipt of a
19 notice under paragraph (1), a company announces by public
20 disclosure substantial action specific to Brunei, substantial
21 action specific to Iran or substantial action specific to
22 Sudan, the public fund may maintain its holdings, but the
23 company shall remain on the Scrutinized Companies with
24 Activities in Brunei List, Scrutinized Companies with
25 Activities in Iran List or Scrutinized Companies with
26 Activities in Sudan List pending completion of the companies'
27 cessation of scrutinized business activities. Following
28 completion of a company's cessation of scrutinized business
29 activities, the public fund shall remove the company from its
30 Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Brunei List,

1 Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran List or

2 Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List.

3 (c) Divestment.--

4 (1) If, after 180 days following the effective date of
5 receipt of the notice under subsection (b)(1), a company has
6 not announced by public disclosure substantial action
7 specific to Brunei, substantial action specific to Iran[,] or
8 substantial action specific to Sudan [or both] as specified
9 in the notice, or the public fund determines or becomes aware
10 that the company continues to have scrutinized business
11 activities, the public fund, within 26 months after the 180-
12 day period, shall sell, redeem, divest or withdraw from its
13 direct holdings all securities of the company.

14 (2) If a public fund determines or becomes aware that a
15 company that ceased scrutinized business activities following
16 engagement under subsection (b) has resumed the activities,
17 the public fund shall send a written notice to the company
18 under subsection (b), and the company shall be immediately
19 placed onto the public fund's Scrutinized Companies with
20 Activities in Brunei List, Scrutinized Companies with
21 Activities in Iran List or Scrutinized Companies with
22 Activities in Sudan List.

23 (3) A public fund shall monitor a scrutinized company
24 that has announced by public disclosure substantial action
25 specific to Brunei, substantial action specific to Iran[,] or
26 substantial action specific to Sudan [or both]. If, after one
27 year the public fund determines or becomes aware that the
28 company has not implemented the plan, within 26 months after
29 the expiration of the one-year period, the public fund shall
30 sell, redeem, divest or withdraw from its direct holdings all

1 securities of the company.

2 (d) Prohibition.--A public fund may not acquire securities
3 of a company on its Scrutinized Companies with Activities in
4 Brunei List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran List
5 or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List.

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7 Section 5. Reporting.

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9 (b) Duty of public fund.--A public fund shall, within one
10 year of assembly of its Scrutinized Companies with Activities in
11 Brunei List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran List
12 and Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, provide
13 a report to the Governor, the President pro tempore of the
14 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each
15 member of the boards of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement
16 System, the State Employees' Retirement System and Public School
17 Employees' Retirement System. The report shall include the items
18 required under subsection (c). The report shall be made
19 available to the public.

20 (c) Contents.--The report under subsection (b) shall include
21 the most recent Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Brunei
22 List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran List and
23 Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List and all of
24 the following:

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26 (d) Update.--A public fund shall do all of the following:

27 (1) Annually update, based on evolving information under
28 subsection (c), and make publicly available its Scrutinized
29 Companies with Activities in Brunei List, Scrutinized
30 Companies with Activities in Iran List and Scrutinized

1 Companies with Activities in Sudan List.

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3 Section 4. Section 6 of the act is amended by adding a
4 subsection to read:

5 Section 6. Expiration.

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7 (c) Recurrence of investment in Brunei.--A public fund shall
8 have no obligations under this act with respect to a company
9 engaged in business activities in Brunei if the government of
10 Brunei repeals the Syariah Penal Code imposed on the Muslim
11 population of the Nation of Brunei that includes the punishment
12 of death by stoning or whipping for an individual found guilty
13 of homosexual sex, sodomy, adultery or rape, and amputation of a
14 hand or foot for theft.

15 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.