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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1461 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY FEE, GREINER, MILLARD, RYAN, HICKERNELL,  
B. MILLER, SNYDER, JOZWIAK, KLUNK, PYLE, OBERLANDER, MENTZER  
AND ZIMMERMAN, MAY 14, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 14, 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 Office of State Inspector General, further  
22 providing for criminal charges.

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

25 Section 1. Section 506-A of the act of April 9, 1929  
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is  
27 amended to read:

1 Section 506-A. Criminal charges.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State  
3 Inspector General shall have the power to investigate and may  
4 file criminal charges for a violation of any of the following:

5 (1) Section 481 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
6 No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

7 (2) Section 1408 of the Human Services Code.

8 [(3) 18 Pa.C.S. § 7313 (relating to buying or exchanging  
9 Federal food order coupons, stamps, authorization cards or  
10 access devices).]

11 [(4) 18 Pa.C.S. § 7314 (relating to fraudulent traffic in  
12 food orders).]

13 (3) The following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to  
14 crimes and offenses) which are substantially related to the  
15 administration of benefits by the Department of Human  
16 Services:

17 (i) Section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful  
18 taking or disposition).

19 (ii) Section 3922 (relating to theft by deception).

20 (iii) Section 4101 (relating to forgery).

21 (iv) Section 4104 (relating to tampering with  
22 records or identification).

23 (v) Section 4106 (relating to access device fraud).

24 (vi) Section 4107 (relating to deceptive or  
25 fraudulent business practices).

26 (vii) Section 4120 (relating to identity theft).

27 (viii) Section 4914 (relating to false  
28 identification to law enforcement authorities).

29 (ix) Section 7313 (relating to buying or exchanging  
30 Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

1 benefit coupons, stamps, authorization cards or access  
2 devices.)

3 (x) Section 7314 (relating to fraudulent traffic in  
4 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
5 benefits).

6 (xi) Any other violations of 18 Pa.C.S. as may be  
7 discovered during the course of an investigation  
8 commenced under this paragraph.

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