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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 23, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
13 thereto," in general provisions, further providing for
14 definitions; and, in records, further providing for
15 disclosure to governmental agencies.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 105 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,
19 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by
20 adding definitions to read:

21 Section 105. General Provisions: Definitions.--As used in
22 this act--

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24 (13) "Conduct of official duty" means tasks, actions or

1 responsibilities performed to facilitate the achievement of an
2 agency's authorized work.

3 (14) "Legislative service agency" means a bipartisan,
4 bicameral agency created by statute for the use and information
5 of the Governor, members of the General Assembly and the heads
6 of the departments of the State government, including the
7 Capitol Preservation Committee, the Center for Rural
8 Pennsylvania, the Independent Fiscal Office, the Joint State
9 Government Commission, the Legislative Budget and Finance
10 Committee, the Legislative Data Processing Center, the Local
11 Government Commission and the Pennsylvania Commission on
12 Sentencing or any other bipartisan, bicameral agency created or
13 authorized by the General Assembly to provide a legislative
14 service.

15 (15) "Research" means the systematic investigation into and
16 study of materials and sources to establish facts and reach new
17 conclusions.

18 (16) "State agencies of Government" means any agency of the
19 Commonwealth, including a legislative service agency.

20 Section 2. Section 806 of the act is amended to read:

21 Section 806. Records: Disclosure to Governmental Agencies.--
22 The department [may] shall disclose information or data from
23 vital statistics record to federal, state or municipal agencies
24 of government which request such information or data in the
25 interest of conduct of official duty.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.