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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 10, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for  
3 definitions and providing for charging Internet convenience  
4 fee.

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

7 Section 1. Section 103 of Title 62 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
9 § 103. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
11 provisions of this part which are applicable to specific  
12 provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when  
13 used in this part shall have the meanings given to them in this  
14 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Internet convenience fee." An additional fee for an online  
17 transaction of an executive agency, including, but not limited

1 to, a fee for ordering an online search or an online filing of  
2 any application, license, permit, registration or form, if the  
3 fee is separate from and in addition to the fee for the same  
4 search, application, license, permit, registration or form when  
5 the transaction is made in person or by mail. The term shall  
6 also include any additional online fee for a person to use a  
7 credit card, debit card or electronic transfer from a checking  
8 account in paying for an online search or an online filing of  
9 any application, license, permit, registration or form.

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11 Section 2. Title 62 is amended by adding a section to read:  
12 § 109. Internet convenience fee.

13 No contract pursuant to this title shall authorize and no  
14 executive agency is permitted to establish any Internet  
15 convenience fee without specific authorization from the General  
16 Assembly. This limitation shall not preclude any type of credit  
17 card or debit card processing fee for the payment of any type of  
18 tax or fee to the Department of Revenue or the Pennsylvania  
19 Public Utility Commission or for the payment of any fine or  
20 penalty to an executive agency.

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