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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, JULY 7, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 27, 2019 (P.L.667, No.92), entitled
2 "An act abolishing numerous State authorities, boards,
3 commissions, committees, councils and representatives; and
4 making related repeals," further providing for State
5 authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and
6 representatives abolishment; providing for composition of
7 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, for transfer of
8 duties and for duty of Secretary of the Commonwealth relating
9 to Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council Compact;
10 further providing for repeals; and abrogating an executive
11 order.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of November 27, 2019
15 (P.L.667, No.92), entitled "An act abolishing numerous State
16 authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and
17 representatives; and making related repeals," is amended to
18 read:

19 Section 1. State authorities, boards, commissions, committees,
20 councils and representatives abolishment.

21 The following State authorities, boards, commissions,

committees, councils and representatives, as established by law,
are abolished:

(1) The Advisory Committee on Probation within the
Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

(1.1) The Canine Health Board.

(1.2) The Climate Change Advisory Committee within the
Department of Environmental Protection.

(1.3) The Coastal Zone Advisory Committee within the
Department of Environmental Protection.

(1.4) The Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force.

(1.5) The Greater Pennsylvania Council.

(1.6) The High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail
Commission.

(2) The Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory
Board within the Department of Community and Economic
Development.

(2.1) The Interagency Coordinating Council.

(3) The joint committee to review the cost-of-living
supplements under 24 Pa.C.S. § 8348 (relating to supplemental
annuities) and 71 Pa.C.S. § 5708 (relating to supplemental
annuities).

(3.1) The Lobbying Disclosure Regulations Committee.

(3.2) The Pennsylvania Civil Disorder Authority.

(3.3) The Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission.

(4) The Pennsylvania Public Television Network
Commission.

(4.1) The Prevailing Wage Advisory Board within the
Department of Labor and Industry.

(5) The Public Television Broadcasting Advisory Council.

(6) The Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council.

1 (6.1) The Recycling Fund Advisory Committee within the
2 Department of Environmental Protection.

3 (6.2) The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee within the
4 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

5 (7) The Small Business Advocacy Council within the
6 Department of Community and Economic Development.

7 (8) The Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory
8 Committee within the Department of Health.

9 (9) The legislative representative for collective
10 bargaining appointed under 71 Pa.C.S. § 2205 (relating to
11 legislative representation for collective bargaining).

12 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

13 Section 1.1. Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

14 (a) Membership.--The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
15 established under section 6 of the act of October 27, 1955
16 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations
17 Act, shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) Two individuals appointed by the President pro
19 tempore of the Senate.

20 (2) Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of
21 the Senate.

22 (3) Two individuals appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives.

24 (4) Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of
25 the House of Representatives.

26 (5) One individual appointed by the Governor.

27 (6) One individual appointed by the Attorney General of
28 the Commonwealth.

29 (7) One individual appointed by the Auditor General of
30 the Commonwealth.

1 (b) Terms, vacancies and absences.--

2 (1) A member appointed under subsection (a) shall hold
3 office for a term of five years or until the member's
4 successor is duly appointed.

5 (2) Vacancies occurring in an office of a member of the
6 commission by expiration of term, death, resignation, removal
7 or for any other reason shall be filled in the manner
8 provided in subsection (a) for the balance of the term.

9 (3) Commission members failing to attend meetings for
10 three consecutive months shall forfeit their seats unless the
11 chairperson receives written notification from the member
12 involved that the absence was due to personal illness or the
13 death or illness of an immediate family member.

14 (c) Chairperson.--The members of the Pennsylvania Human
15 Relations Commission shall elect a member to serve as
16 chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

17 Section 1.2. Transfer of duties.

18 The following duties are transferred:

19 (1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out the
20 duties of the former Canine Health Board under section 207(h)
21 (7) and (8) and (i)(3) and (5) of the act of December 7, 1982
22 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law.

23 (2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall carry out
24 the duties of the former Lobbying Disclosure Regulations
25 Committee under 65 Pa.C.S. § 13A10(d)(5) and (6) (relating to
26 registration fees; fund established; system; regulations).

27 Section 1.3. Duty of Secretary of the Commonwealth.

28 Within 10 days of the effective date of this section, the
29 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, pursuant to Article IV of
30 the Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council Compact, give

notice to the other participating states of the repeal of the
act of June 22, 1980 (P.L.259, No.75), entitled "An act adopting
the interstate high speed intercity rail passenger network
compact and for related purposes."

Section 3. Section 2 of the act is amended by adding
paragraphs to read:

Section 2. Repeals.

Repeals are as follows:

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(3) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
paragraph (4) are necessary to effectuate section 1(1.1) of
this act.

(4) (i) Section 221 of the act of December 7, 1982
(P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is repealed.

(ii) Section 207(h) (7) and (8) and (i) (3) and (5) of
the Dog Law are repealed to the extent of any
inconsistency with section 1(1.1) of this act.

(5) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
paragraph (6) are necessary to effectuate section 1(1.2) of
this act.

(6) The following provisions of the act of July 9, 2008
(P.L.935, No.70), known as the Pennsylvania Climate Change
Act, are repealed:

(i) The definition of "committee" in section 2 of
that act.

(ii) The phrase "and the committee" in section 3(b)
of that act.

(iii) The phrases "In consultation with the
committee," and "and the committee" in section 4(a) and
(c), respectively, of that act.

1 (iv) Section 5 of that act.

2 (v) The phrase ", in consultation with the
3 committee," in section 7(a) and paragraph (4) of the
4 subsection of that act.

5 (7) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
6 paragraph (8) are necessary to effectuate section 1(1.4) of
7 this act.

8 (8) Article XV-C of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
9 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
10 repealed.

11 (9) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
12 paragraph (10) is necessary to effectuate section 1(1.5) of
13 this act.

14 (10) The act of May 29, 1931 (P.L.278, No.131), entitled
15 "An act creating a "Greater Pennsylvania Council" for the
16 promotion of the economic, social, industrial, agricultural,
17 educational, civic and recreational welfare of the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens; prescribing
19 the organization, powers and duties of said council; and
20 making an appropriation," is repealed.

21 (11) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
22 paragraph (12) is necessary to effectuate section 1(1.6) of
23 this act.

24 (12) The act of December 22, 1981 (P.L.518, No.144),
25 known as the High Speed Intercity Rail Passenger Commission
26 Act, is repealed.

27 (13) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
28 paragraph (14) is necessary to effectuate section 1(2.1) of
29 this act.

30 (14) Section 6 of the act of October 22, 1986 (P.L.1452,

1 No.143), known as the Pennsylvania Adult and Family Literacy
2 Education Act, is repealed.

3 (15) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
4 paragraph (16) is necessary to effectuate section 1(3.1) of
5 this act.

6 (16) 65 Pa.C.S. § 13A10(d)(1), (2), (3) and (4)
7 (relating to registration fees; fund established; system;
8 regulations) are repealed.

9 (17) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
10 paragraph (18) is necessary to effectuate section 1(3.2) of
11 this act.

12 (18) Articles III and IV of the Act of July 31, 1968
13 (P.L.738, No.233), known as the Pennsylvania Fair Plan Act,
14 are repealed.

15 (19) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
16 paragraph (20) is necessary to effectuate section 1(3.3) of
17 this act.

18 (20) 3 Pa.C.S. Ch. 9 (relating to Pennsylvania Dairy
19 Future Commission) is repealed.

20 (21) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
21 paragraph (22) is necessary to effectuate section 1(4.1) of
22 this act.

23 (22) The following provisions of the act of August 15,
24 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing
25 Wage Act, are repealed:

26 (i) Section 2(9) of that act.

27 (ii) Section 2.1 of that act.

28 (iii) So much of section 2.2(c) of that act that
29 states: "No member of the Advisory Board created by this
30 amendatory act shall be appointed to the Appeals Board."

1 (iv) The phrase ", after consultation with the
2 advisory board," in section 7 of that act.

3 (23) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
4 paragraph (24) is necessary to effectuate section 1(6.1) of
5 this act.

6 (24) Section 706(e) of the act of July 28, 1988
7 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning,
8 Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, is repealed.

9 (25) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
10 paragraph (26) is necessary to effectuate section 1(6.2) of
11 this act.

12 (26) The act of December 21, 1998 (P.L.187, No.152),
13 known as the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Act, is
14 repealed.

15 (27) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
16 under paragraph (28) are necessary to effectuate section 1.1
17 of this act.

18 (28) Section 6(b) and (d) of the act of October 27, 1955
19 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations
20 Act, are repealed.

21 (29) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
22 paragraph (30) is necessary to effectuate section 1.3 of this
23 act.

24 (30) The act of June 22, 1980 (P.L.259, No.75), is
25 repealed.

26 Section 4. The provisions of Executive Order 1980-20, 4 Pa.
27 Code Ch. 1 Subch. EE are abrogated to the extent of any
28 inconsistency with the addition of section 1(1.3) of the act.

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