THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2624 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY CHARLTON AND PHILLIPS-HILL, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State 2 government; providing for cancer control, prevention and 3 research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection and 4 for the Joint Underwriting Association, providing for the 5 settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, 6 7 and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or 8 belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 9 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, 10 11 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the 12 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the 13 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the 14 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the 15 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and 16 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 17 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 18 19 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes 20 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 21 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of 22 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of 23 24 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every 25 department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and 26 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 27 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or 28 29 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or 30 31 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 32 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the 33 Commonwealth," in general budget implementation, providing for prohibited expenditures in general. 34

- 1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2 hereby enacts as follows:
- 3 Section 1. Subarticle E of Article XVII-E of the act of
- 4 April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is
- 5 amended by adding a section to read:
- 6 <u>Section 1797-E. Prohibited expenditures in general.</u>
- 7 No appropriation may be used for any of the following
- 8 <u>purposes:</u>
- 9 <u>(1) Payment to the alleged victim of a sexual harassment</u>
- 10 <u>claim against a public official or public employee of the</u>
- 11 <u>Commonwealth, regardless of whether or not the claim is filed</u>
- by the alleged victim, to settle the claim, including payment
- of costs or attorney fees related to the claim.
- 14 <u>(2) (Reserved)</u>.
- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.