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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the
 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grant of letters,
 3 further providing for advertisement of grant of letters.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3162(a) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3162. Advertisement of grant of letters.

9 (a) Notice generally.--

10 (1) The personal representative, immediately after the
 11 grant of letters, shall cause notice thereof to be given [in
 12 one newspaper of general circulation published at or near the
 13 place where the decedent resided or, in the case of a
 14 nonresident decedent, at or near the place where the letters
 15 were granted, and in the legal periodical, if any, designated
 16 by rule of court for the publication of legal notices,]:

17 (i) in the legal periodical, if any, designated by
 18 rule of court for the publication of legal notices;

1 (ii) either:

2 (A) on the official website of the register of
3 wills in the county where letters were granted
4 according to fees established under section 2.1 of
5 the act of July 1, 1981 (P.L.191, No.57), referred to
6 as the Register of Wills Fee Law, or, if the register
7 of wills of the county does not provide such website,
8 then in a newspaper of general circulation published
9 at or near the place where the decedent resided; or

10 (B) a newspaper of general circulation published
11 at or near the place where the decedent resided or,
12 if the register of wills of the county does not
13 provide a website for publication, then publication
14 shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation
15 published at or near the place where the decedent
16 resided; and

17 (iii) in the case of a nonresident decedent, in a
18 newspaper of general circulation at or near the place
19 where the letters were granted.

20 (2) The notices required under paragraph (1)(i) and
21 (iii) shall be published once a week for three successive
22 weeks and, in the case of the notice required under paragraph
23 (1)(ii), continuously for a period of not less than three
24 successive weeks, together with [his] the personal
25 representative's name and address; and in every such notice,
26 [he] the personal representative shall request all persons
27 having claims against the estate of the decedent to make the
28 claims known [the same to him or his] to the personal
29 representative or the personal representative's attorney, and
30 all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to [him]

1 the personal representative without delay.

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