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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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BOSCOLA AND BREWSTER, JANUARY 22, 2013

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 22, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Requiring notification in advertising.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Taxpayer-  
6 Funded Advertising Transparency Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Broadcast advertising." Includes television advertising,  
12 radio advertising and other audiovisual advertising.

13 "Commonwealth agency." Any of the following:

14 (1) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,  
15 Auditor General, State Treasurer and the departments,  
16 offices, boards, authorities, commissions and other agencies

1 of the executive branch of the government of this  
2 Commonwealth, whether or not subject to the supervision and  
3 control of the Governor.

4 (2) The legislative branch of government of the  
5 Commonwealth.

6 (3) Any court and any office of the unified judicial  
7 system of this Commonwealth.

8 "Media advertising." Includes broadcast advertising and  
9 print advertising.

10 "Print advertising." Includes newspaper advertising,  
11 magazine advertising and billboard advertising. The term does  
12 not include advertising in the classified section of a  
13 newspaper.

14 Section 3. Advertising notification.

15 (a) Statements required.--

16 (1) No expenditures for paid media advertising shall be  
17 made by any Commonwealth agency from any moneys appropriated,  
18 executively authorized or otherwise made available from the  
19 General Fund or any special fund that is comprised of moneys  
20 collected by a tax imposed by the Commonwealth or other  
21 revenues or receipts received by the Commonwealth unless such  
22 paid media advertising includes a statement that it is  
23 funded, in whole or in part, by such fund and includes the  
24 following specific statement: "Paid for with Pennsylvania  
25 taxpayer dollars."

26 (2) In the case of print advertising, the statement  
27 shall be included so that it is easily seen and read.

28 (3) In the case of broadcast advertising, the statement  
29 shall be included as an audio tagline so that it is easily  
30 heard.

1 (b) Exception.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not  
2 apply where the materials provided to the broadcast or print  
3 media are broadcast or published free of charge.

4 Section 4. Application.

5 The provisions of this act shall not apply to any media  
6 advertising that was printed, manufactured or produced prior to  
7 the effective date of this section.

8 Section 20. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 30 days.