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RAFFERTY, YAW, VANCE, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, COSTA, BAKER AND
BREWSTER, JANUARY 24, 2013

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 24, 2013

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Donated Dental Services Program; imposing
2 duties on the Department of Health; providing for program
3 administration and for contract requirements; and making an
4 appropriation.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Donated
9 Dental Services Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

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

14 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

15 "Program." The Donated Dental Services Program established
16 in section 3.

17 Section 3. Establishment of program.

18 The Donated Dental Services Program is established.

1 Section 4. Maintenance of program.

2 The department, in consultation with the Dental Lifeline
3 Network or its designee, shall maintain the program through
4 which volunteer dentists provide comprehensive dental care for
5 needy, disabled, aged and medically compromised individuals who
6 cannot afford necessary treatment but are ineligible for public
7 assistance. Eligible individuals may be treated by the volunteer
8 dentists in their private offices or other appropriate
9 locations. Eligible individuals may not be required to pay a fee
10 or cost.

11 Section 5. Program administration.

12 To administer the program, the department shall contract with
13 the Dental Lifeline Network or its designee who must be
14 experienced in providing similar services or programs.

15 Section 6. Contract requirements.

16 The contract shall specify the responsibilities of the
17 administering organization that may include:

18 (1) The maintenance of a network of volunteer dentists,
19 including dental specialists, volunteer dental laboratories
20 and other appropriate volunteer professionals, to donate
21 dental services to eligible individuals.

22 (2) The maintenance of a system to refer eligible
23 individuals to appropriate volunteers.

24 (3) The continuance and implementation of a public
25 awareness campaign to educate eligible individuals about the
26 availability of the program.

27 (4) Providing appropriate administrative and technical
28 support to the program.

29 (5) Submitting an annual report to the department that:

30 (i) Accounts for program funds.

1 (ii) Reports the number of individuals served by the
2 program and the number of dentists and dental
3 laboratories participating as providers in the program.

4 (iii) Other information required by the department.

5 (6) Performing, as required by the department, another
6 duty relating to the program.

7 Section 19. Appropriation.

8 The sum of \$150,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
9 is appropriated to the department for the fiscal year July 1,
10 2013, to June 30, 2014, to carry out the provisions of this act.

11 Section 20. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.