
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1979 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, DERMODY, HANNA, YOUNGBLOOD, STURLA,
FRANKEL, MARKOSEK, PETRARCA, McNEILL, BULLOCK, DeLUCA, DEAN,
GIBBONS, O'BRIEN, MACKENZIE, MULLERY, KINSEY, TRUITT,
D. COSTA, COOK-ARTIS, SANTARSIERO AND DAVIS, APRIL 11, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 11, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial
3 disclosure, providing for financial interest and divestiture.

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

6 Section 1. Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1103.1. Financial interest and divestiture.

9 (a) Certain financial interests prohibited.--Except as may
10 be provided for the judiciary by rule or order of the
11 Pennsylvania Supreme Court, a public official or an immediate
12 family member of a public official may not intentionally or
13 knowingly hold a financial interest in an entity that is a party
14 to a contract valued at more than \$2,500 to provide goods or
15 services to a municipality within the jurisdiction of the public
16 official's public office.

17 (b) Divesting financial interest.--A public official or an

1 immediate family member of a public official who holds a
2 financial interest under subsection (a) shall divest the
3 financial interest as follows:

4 (1) If the financial interest exists at the time of the
5 effective date of this subsection, the divestiture shall
6 occur within three months of the effective date of this
7 subsection.

8 (2) If the financial interest occurs on or after the
9 effective date of this subsection, the divestiture shall
10 occur within 30 days after the public official or immediate
11 family member of the public official knows or has reason to
12 know of the need to divest the financial interest.

13 (c) Extension of time period.--For good cause shown, the
14 commission may extend the time period for divestiture under
15 subsection (b).

16 (d) Grading.--An individual who violates this section
17 commits a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced
18 to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not
19 more than one year, or both.

20 (e) Definition.--Notwithstanding the definition of
21 "immediate family" in section 1102 (relating to definitions), as
22 used in this section, the term "immediate family" shall mean a
23 spouse, minor child or unemancipated child.

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