THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2159 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY KAMPF, BENNINGHOFF, READSHAW, MASSER, F. KELLER, STEPHENS, KIM, REED, MUSTIO, DiGIROLAMO, SAYLOR, BARRAR, NEILSON, GALLOWAY, TRUITT, DUNBAR, LUCAS, BLOOM, MAJOR, FREEMAN, TURZAI, CUTLER, SWANGER, GODSHALL, DELOZIER, COHEN, COX, MULLERY, HICKERNELL, GIBBONS, ROAE, ROCK, KNOWLES, HARHART, SCHLOSSBERG, AUMENT, FLECK, FEE, TOEPEL, ADOLPH, LAWRENCE, C. HARRIS, MENTZER, BURNS, DeLUCA, GINGRICH, GROVE, DEASY, MURT AND MARSICO, APRIL 8, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 8, 2014

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restricted activities and for penalties.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1103 of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 8 § 1103. Restricted activities.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (c.1) Accepting cash gift. -- No public official, public
- 11 employee or nominee or candidate for public office shall solicit
- 12 or accept a gift of cash. This paragraph shall not apply to a
- 13 gift received from a spouse, parent, parent by marriage,
- 14 sibling, child, grandchild, other family member or friend when
- 15 the circumstances are clear that the motivation for the action

- 1 was a personal or family relationship. However, for the purposes
- 2 of this paragraph, the term "friend" may not include a
- 3 registered lobbyist or an employee of a registered lobbyist.
- 4 * * *
- 5 Section 2. Section 1109(a) of Title 65 is amended to read:
- 6 § 1109. Penalties.
- 7 (a) Restricted activities violation. -- Any person who
- 8 violates the provisions of section 1103(a), (b) [and (c)], (c)
- 9 <u>and (c.1)</u> (relating to restricted activities) commits a felony
- 10 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not
- 11 more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for not more than five
- 12 years, or both.
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.