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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 9, 2021

AN ACT

1 Providing for expense reimbursement of public officials and
2 public employees.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
7 Official and Public Employee Expense Reimbursement Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Governmental body." A department, agency, authority,
13 commission, committee, council, board, bureau, division,
14 service, office, officer, administration, legislative body or
15 other establishment in the executive, legislative or judicial
16 branch of the Commonwealth.

17 "Itemized receipt." A written acknowledgment from the vendor

1 attesting to the receipt of cash, check, money order, credit
2 card or other method of payment, in exchange for goods or
3 services, with the cost and description of each item or article
4 stated separately.

5 "Public employee." An individual employed by the
6 Commonwealth.

7 "Public official." A person elected by the public or elected
8 or appointed by a governmental body or an appointed official in
9 the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the
10 Commonwealth.

11 Section 3. Receipts and limitations.

12 No public official or public employee may be reimbursed for a
13 travel expense unless the public official or public employee
14 submits an itemized receipt. Reimbursement is subject to Federal
15 per diem rate limits set by the Internal Revenue Service.

16 Section 4. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.