
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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TOMLINSON, WHITE, VOGEL AND BREWSTER, APRIL 11, 2013

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 11, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," changing the name of the
4 Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human
5 Services; and providing for a transition period.

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

8 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended to read:

10 Section 102. Definitions.--Subject to additional definitions
11 contained in subsequent articles of this act, the following
12 words when used in this act shall have, unless the context
13 clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given them in this
14 section:

15 "Department" means the Department of [Public Welfare] Human
16 Services of this Commonwealth.

17 "Secretary" means the Secretary of [Public Welfare] Human
18 Services of this Commonwealth.

1 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

2 Section 103. Redesignation.--(a) The Department of Public
3 Welfare shall be known as the Department of Human Services.

4 (b) A reference to the Department of Public Welfare in a
5 statute or a regulation shall be deemed a reference to the
6 Department of Human Services.

7 (c) In order to provide an efficient and cost-minimizing
8 transition, licenses, contracts, deeds and any other official
9 actions of the Department of Public Welfare shall not be
10 affected by the use of the designation of the department as the
11 Department of Human Services. The department may continue to use
12 the name Department of Public Welfare on badges, licenses,
13 contracts, deeds, stationery and any other official documents
14 until existing supplies are exhausted. The Department of Public
15 Welfare may substitute the title "Department of Human Services"
16 for "Department of Public Welfare" on its documents and
17 materials on such schedule as it deems appropriate.

18 (d) The Department of Human Services shall not replace
19 existing signage at department locations with the redesignated
20 name until the signs are worn and in need of replacement. This
21 transition shall be coordinated with changes in administration.

22 (e) The department shall continue to use the name Department
23 of Public Welfare on its computer systems until the time of
24 routine upgrades in each computer system in the department. The
25 change in name shall be made at the time of the routine upgrade
26 to the department computer systems.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.