

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), entitled  
2 "An act establishing rights in public employes to organize  
3 and bargain collectively through selected representatives;  
4 defining public employes to include employes of nonprofit  
5 organizations and institutions; providing compulsory  
6 mediation and fact-finding, for collective bargaining  
7 impasses; providing arbitration for certain public employes  
8 for collective bargaining impasses; defining the scope of  
9 collective bargaining; establishing unfair employe and  
10 employer practices; prohibiting strikes for certain public  
11 employes; permitting strikes under limited conditions;  
12 providing penalties for violations; and establishing  
13 procedures for implementation," barring strikes by employees  
14 of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1001 of the act of July 23, 1970  
18 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, is  
19 amended to read:

20 Section 1001. Strikes by employes of the Southeastern  
21 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), except those  
22 employes of SEPTA who have a right to strike under the Railway  
23 Labor Act (Public Law 69-257, 44 Stat. 577), guards at prisons

1 or mental hospitals, or employes directly involved with and  
2 necessary to the functioning of the courts of this Commonwealth  
3 are prohibited at any time. If a strike occurs the public  
4 employer shall forthwith initiate in the court of common pleas  
5 of the jurisdiction where the strike occurs, an action for  
6 appropriate equitable relief including but not limited to  
7 injunctions. If the strike involves Commonwealth employes, the  
8 chief legal officer of the public employer or the Attorney  
9 General where required by law shall institute an action for  
10 equitable relief, either in the court of common pleas of the  
11 jurisdiction where the strike has occurred or the Commonwealth  
12 Court.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.