

No. 1985-28

## AN ACT

## HB 724

Amending the act of April 29, 1982 (P.L.355, No.99), entitled "An act establishing a Vietnam Herbicides Information Commission; imposing powers and duties on the commission; granting additional powers and duties to the Department of Health and making an appropriation," further providing for the commission.

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

Section 1. Sections 3(b) and (f) and 7 of the act of April 29, 1982 (P.L.355, No.99), known as the Vietnam Herbicides Information Act, reenacted and amended June 30, 1984 (P.L.469, No.98), are amended to read:

Section 3. The Vietnam Herbicides Information Commission.

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(b) The commission shall consist of 15 members who shall serve for an initial term ending June 30, [1985] 1987. The Governor shall appoint the Secretary of Health, the Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs, the Chairman of the State Veterans Commission, the President of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council and nine other members of whom five shall be honorably discharged veterans of the Vietnam Conflict with at least one veteran selected from each of the five areas covered by the Governor's Veterans Outreach Centers; of the remaining members to be appointed by the Governor, one shall be an epidemiologist selected from the State public health and medical schools, one shall be a health environmentalist selected from the State public health and medical schools and one shall be a toxicologist selected from the State public health and medical schools and one shall be a specialist in public health selected from the State public health and medical schools. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member of the House to the commission. The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to the commission.

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(f) The commission shall be established and continue in existence until June 30, [1985] 1987.

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Section 7. Reports.

The commission shall make a preliminary report to the Governor and the Legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations not later than November 30, 1982 and a final report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations not later than June 30, [1985] 1987.

Section 2. The act of April 29, 1982 (P.L.355, No.99), known as the Vietnam Herbicides Information Act, and the commission established therein shall terminate on June 30, 1987.

Section 3. Section 2 of the act of June 30, 1984 (P.L.469, No.98), entitled "An act amending the act of April 29, 1982 (P.L.355, No.99), entitled 'An act establishing a Vietnam Herbicides Information Commission; imposing powers and duties on the commission; granting additional powers and duties to the Department of Health and making an appropriation,' designating dioxin as a specific herbicide to be studied by the commission; extending the life of the commission; extending the deadline for making its final report; empowering the commission to initiate an epidemiological study; revising content requirements of the report forms; and making an editorial change," is repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1985.

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