

No. 107

AN ACT

HB 1534

Amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, providing for an official publication of the Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to unofficial statutory provisions, changing provisions relating to the correction of errors in and printing and distribution of statutes, repealing inconsistent statutory provisions and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The part analysis of Part I of Title 1, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, added December 6, 1972 (P.L.1339, No.290), is amended by adding an item to read:

PART I  
THE CONSOLIDATED PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES

Chapter

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**5. *Official Publication of the Consolidated Statutes***

Section 2. Part I of Title 1 of the act, amended December 6, 1972 (P.L.1339, No.290), is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 5  
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED  
STATUTES

Sec.

501. Publication and distribution.

502. Preparation and contents.

503. Official status of publication.

§ 501. Publication and distribution.

(a) The Legislative Reference Bureau may compile, edit, publish, print, supplement and revise or contract directly or through the Legislative Printing Clerk for the compilation, editing, publishing, printing, supplementation or revision of an official publication of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes and amendments thereto. It shall be the duty of the Department of Property and Supplies, upon request of the bureau, to arrange for the prompt distribution of the official publication and the supplements thereto and revisions thereof in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. This publication shall be in addition to the publication of advance copies of statutes and the Laws of Pennsylvania except that the bureau, when authorized by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly, may reduce the number of such

statutes and laws published and printed and provide for the manner of their distribution and a fee to be charged for certain distributions.

(b) The prices to be charged for individual copies of and subscriptions to the official publication, the supplements thereto and revisions thereof, for reprints and bound volumes thereof, which prices may be fixed without reference to the restrictions placed upon and fixed for the sale of other publications of the Commonwealth, and the number of copies which shall be distributed free for official use shall be established by the bureau. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the bureau may provide for the free reciprocal exchange of publications between this Commonwealth and other states and foreign jurisdictions and for the free distribution of at least one copy of every publication printed under authority of this chapter to each:

(1) County for the use of its law library.

(2) Member of the General Assembly at the post office address specified by him.

(3) Law school library which pursuant to rules of court receives copies of printed briefs and records filed in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

(c) Payments for documents published by authority of this chapter shall be made to the Department of Property and Supplies which shall pay the same into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Such moneys are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Reference Bureau to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

§ 502. Preparation and contents.

(a) In compiling and editing the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes and amendments thereto for publication, the bureau may:

(1) Omit provisions of the amendatory acts which do not become a part of the structure of this act or which do not constitute part of the law as provided in section 1101(b) of this title (relating to enacting clause and unofficial provisions).

(2) Include the provisions or a summary of the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection in a footnote, appendix, table or other form at such a place and in such a manner as it deems appropriate but any unofficial provisions so included shall not constitute part of the law.

(3) Include tables of contents, summary analyses, source notes, parallel tables, indexes, cross references to statutes and regulations, and such other provisions, whether or not contained in this act or in any amendment or amendments to this act, as the bureau deems appropriate but any unofficial provisions so included shall not constitute part of the law.

(4) Include the Constitution of Pennsylvania and proposed amendments thereto as well as selected general and permanent laws and amendments thereto.

(5) Establish a form of citation of such publication or any part thereof which may be used for the purpose of drafting amendments to this act and for other purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of section 102 of this title (relating to citation of Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes) and section 303 of this title (relating to cross references between provisions of the Consolidated Statutes).

(b) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall approve:

(1) The form and contents of the publication prepared by the bureau.

(2) All contracts entered into by the bureau or the Legislative Printing Clerk pursuant to section 501(a) of this title (relating to publication and distribution).

(3) All regulations and decisions of the bureau relating to the distribution of the publication and the prices to be charged for such publications pursuant to section 501(b) of this title (relating to publication and distribution).

§ 503. Official status of publication.

The publication prepared by the bureau pursuant to this chapter shall constitute an official publication of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes and shall be legal evidence of the laws contained therein including the Constitution and laws incorporated therein pursuant to section 502(a)(4) of this title (relating to preparation and contents).

Section 3. As much as relates to section 1101 of the chapter analysis of Chapter 11 and sections 1101, 1104 and 1105 of Title 1 of the act, added December 6, 1972 (P.L.1339, No.290), are amended to read:

## CHAPTER 11 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Sec.

1101. **[Style and position of enacting clause.] *Enacting clause and unofficial provisions.***

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§ 1101. **[Style and position of enacting clause.] *Enacting clause and unofficial provisions.***

(a) All statutes shall begin in the following style: "The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:". Such enacting clause shall be placed immediately after the preamble or the table of contents of the statute, or if there be neither preamble nor table of contents, then immediately after the title.

(b) *Preambles, tables of contents, summary analyses following major subdivision headings, section and minor subdivision headings, cross reference descriptions, source notes and parallel tables shall not constitute part of the law and the Legislative Reference Bureau may, in its discretion, either include or omit such provisions in bills drafted by*

*the bureau including bills prepared initially by agencies or persons other than the bureau.*

*(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this act or other statute to the contrary, in amending a bill or a statute it shall not be necessary to amend or delete any provision which does not constitute part of the law contained in the bill or statute which may be affected by such an amendment nor shall it be necessary to add any such provision to conform to such an amendment.*

§ 1104. Printing of amendatory statutes.

(a) General rule.—The Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau shall, in printing amendatory statutes, cause to be printed the section or part of the statute only as reenacted. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in the section or part of the law reenacted, the Director shall cause to be printed between brackets, the words, phrases, or provisions of the existing statute, if any, which have been stricken out or eliminated by the adoption of the amendment, and he shall cause to be printed in italics or with underscoring all new words, phrases or provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the statute by the passage of such amendment.

(b) Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes.—In printing as much of any statute as adds an entire title, part, article, chapter, *subchapter* or other major subdivision to the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, the Director shall cause such addition to be printed in Roman type without underscoring, and in printing as much of any statute as deletes or repeals an entire title, part, article, chapter, *subchapter* or other major subdivision of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, the Director shall not cause to be printed the provisions which have been deleted or repealed *unless the deletion or repeal was effected by the use of brackets.*

§ 1105. Correction of errors in statutes.

(a) Procedure for correction.—Where any statute shall have been finally enacted and it shall be ascertained that such statute is technically defective in form, or contains misspelled words or typographical errors, or the plural or singular number, or the past, present or future tense appears where another should be used, or where a word clearly intended to be inserted has been omitted, or where a word clearly should have been omitted, or where a word is correctly spelled but it clearly appears that another word was intended, or where a title, part, article, chapter, *subchapter* or other major subdivision heading [or a section heading or the summary analysis thereof] or a cross reference in any amendment to the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes has been omitted or is erroneous or otherwise defective, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, in punctuating and editing such statute, shall have authority, with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of Justice, to correct the original copy of such statute, as

filed in the Department of State, if such correction will not in any manner affect or change the meaning, intent or substance of such statute.

(b) Notation of correction.—Whenever any such correction on any statute is made, a notation thereof shall be made on the original copy by the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, together with his signature, followed by the approval and signatures of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Attorney General or his deputy. **[Except in the case of the addition or correction of the title, part, article, chapter, section or other analysis at the beginning of the next higher unit of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, a]** A notation of such corrections shall also be printed in the Laws of Pennsylvania as footnotes to the statutes on which the corrections were made.

*(c) Unofficial provisions of statutes.—The Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, in editing and preparing statutes for printing, shall have authority to add to the statute provisions which do not constitute part of the law as provided in section 1101 of this title (relating to enacting clause and unofficial provisions) and to correct or omit such provisions contained in the statute. In making such changes it shall not be necessary to obtain the approvals or to make the notations required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.*

Section 4. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Legislative Reference Bureau for the period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1975, to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this act.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act and shall be suspended to the extent and for the period of time they are inconsistent with any concurrent resolution adopted thereunder.

Section 6. The provisions of section 3 of this act shall apply to bills enacted into law but not finally prepared for printing prior to the effective date of this act and shall apply to an official publication of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes pursuant to section 2 of this act issued after the effective date of this act.

Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of June, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
No. 107.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T".

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*