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CERTIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, March 2, 1978

Pursuant to the provisions of section 1103 of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, I hereby certify that this issue of the Laws of Pennsylvania was printed and indexed under my direction and that the laws and other documents contained in this issue have been collated with and the proof sheets corrected by the original rolls on file in the Department of State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell J. La Marca". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Director, Legislative Reference Bureau

EFFECTIVE DATES OF STATUTES

Sections 1701 (a) (5) and (b) (2), 1702 (4) and 1703 (5) of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provide:

§ 1701. Statutes generally

(a) **General rule.**—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter all statutes enacted finally at any regular session of the General Assembly not containing a specified effective date shall be effective on the date specified by that one of the following rules of construction in effect on the date of final enactment of the statute:

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(5) **Final enactment on or after June 6, 1969.**—60 days after final enactment.

(b) **Statutes enacted after effective date therein specified.**—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter all statutes enacted finally at any regular session of the General Assembly after the effective date therein specified shall be effective on the date specified by that one of the following rules of construction in effect on the date of final enactment of the statute:

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(2) **Final enactment on or after January 10, 1960.**—60 days after final enactment.

§ 1702. Statutes making appropriations

Appropriation statutes, or statutes having appropriation items enacted finally at any regular session of the General Assembly, shall be effective on the date specified by that one of the following rules of construction in effect on the date of final enactment of the statute:

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(4) **Final enactment on or after June 6, 1969.**—on the first day of July next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the statute itself, or unless any such statute is enacted finally after the first day of July in any year, or after the date specified in the statute, in which case it shall be effective immediately upon final enactment.

§ 1703. Statutes affecting the budget of any political subdivision

Statutes affecting the budget of any political subdivision enacted finally at any regular session of the General Assembly shall be effective on the date specified by that one of the following rules of construction in effect on the date of final enactment of the statute:

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(5) **Final enactment on or after June 6, 1969.**—on the date specified in the statute, or if finally enacted thereafter, or if no date is specified, then at the beginning of the fiscal year of the political subdivision affected following the date of final enactment of the statute.

PRINTING AND INTERPRETATION OF AMENDATORY STATUTES

Sections 1104 and 1951 of Title I (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provide:

§ 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) **Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.**—In printing as much of any statute as adds an entire title, part, article, chapter, subchapter or other major subdivision to the Pennsylvania Consolidated 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 Pennsylvania Consolidated 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.

§ 1951. Interpretation of amendatory statutes

In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation of an amendatory statute, the matter inserted within brackets shall be omitted, and the matter in italics or underscored shall be read and interpreted as part of the statute.

