

No. 1980-149

AN ACT

HB 1845

Prohibiting the utilization of the terms "mongolism" or "mongoloid" as a synonym for the genetic disorder known as Down's syndrome.

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

Section 1. Down's syndrome.

(a) On and after the effective date of this section, the term "mongolism" or "mongoloid" used as a synonym for the genetic disorder known as Down's syndrome shall not be utilized in any statute, local law, ordinance, charter or rule or regulation promulgated or any publication published by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and the term, Down's syndrome, shall be used in place of "mongolism" or "mongoloid" when referring to such genetic disorder.

(b) Wherever the term "mongolism" or "mongoloid" appears in any such statute, local law, ordinance, charter or rule or regulation or publication enacted, promulgated or published prior to the effective date of this act such term shall be deemed to refer to the genetic disorder known as Down's syndrome.

(c) Whenever the term "mongolism" or "mongoloid" appears in any publication of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof published prior to the effective date of this section which is to be republished on or after January 1, 1981 such republication shall be made only after such terms are deleted.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 10th day of October, A. D. 1980.

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