

No. 1991-52

AN ACT

HB 1981

Amending the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1621, No.184), entitled "An act establishing and imposing powers and duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry; and establishing and providing powers and duties for the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry," further providing for the membership of the council, and for the termination of the council.

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

Section 1. Sections 5(a) and (b) and 7 of the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1621, No.184), entitled "An act establishing and imposing powers and duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry; and establishing and providing powers and duties for the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry," are amended to read:

Section 5. Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

(a) Council.—The Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, herein referred to as council, is created within the Department of Labor and Industry and shall consist of **[15] 17** members as follows: the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor and Industry, *the Secretary of Aging*, or their designees; the Governor, or his designee; one member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the President pro tempore; and **[eight] nine** members of the public to be appointed by the Governor.

(b) Members.—The **[eight] nine** appointed public members shall be individuals selected from schools, organizations and non-State agencies which render services to or represent persons having hearing impairments. At least four of the public members shall be deaf or hearing impaired. Initially, the Governor shall designate two of the public members to serve one-year terms, two to serve two-year terms, two to serve three-years terms and two to serve four-year terms. Thereafter, all appointed members shall serve for four years. The council members from State offices shall serve during their tenure in office and shall remain on the council until such time as a replacement is named and qualified. The legislative members of the council shall serve two-year terms commencing with the first Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years and may be reappointed upon reelection to office. **[The initial legislative members' terms will expire the first Tuesday in January 1987.]**

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Section 7. Sunset.

The Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired shall continue together with its statutory functions and duties until December 31, **[1991]**

2001, when it shall terminate and go out of existence unless reestablished or continued by the General Assembly. The evaluation, review, termination, reestablishment and continuation of the agency shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the act of December 22, 1981 (P.L.508, No.142), known as the Sunset Act.

Section 2. This act, with respect to the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, constitutes the legislation required to reestablish that agency under the act of December 22, 1981 (P.L.508, No.142), known as the Sunset Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of December, A. D. 1991.

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