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AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5	Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, repealing provisions relating to transfer of inmates in need of medical treatment and providing for modification of an imposed term of imprisonment for reasons of illness.
6	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7	hereby enacts as follows:
8	Section 1. Section 9777 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
9	Consolidated Statutes is repealed:
10	[§ 9777. Transfer of inmates in need of medical treatment.
11	(a) Inmates committed to custody of departmentIf an
12	inmate is committed to the custody of the department, the
13	department, the inmate or a person to whom the court grants
14	standing to act on behalf of the inmate may petition the
15	sentencing court to temporarily defer service of the sentence of
16	confinement and temporarily remove the inmate committed to the

1 custody of the department, or other facility, for placement in a hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care 2 location. The following shall apply: 3 (1) The sentencing court may approve the petitioner's 4 5 request to temporarily defer service of the sentence of confinement and place the inmate in a hospital or long-term 6 7 care nursing facility under electronic monitoring by the 8 department upon clear and convincing proof that all of the following apply: 9 10 (i) The medical needs of the inmate can be more appropriately addressed in the hospital or long-term care 11 12 nursing facility. 13 (ii) The hospital or long-term care nursing facility 14 requested by the petitioner has agreed to accept the placement of the inmate and to provide necessary medical 15 16 care. (iii) The inmate is seriously ill and is expected by 17 18 a treating physician to not live for more than one year. 19 (iv) There are no writs filed or detainers lodged against the inmate and the inmate is not subject to any 20 21 court order requiring the inmate's presence. 22 The placement in the hospital or long-term care (v)23 nursing facility does not pose an undue risk of escape or 24 danger to the community. In making this determination, the sentencing court shall consider the inmate's 25 26 institutional conduct record, whether the inmate was ever convicted of a crime of violence, the length of time that 27 the inmate has been imprisoned and any other factors the 28 29 sentencing court deems relevant. 30 (vi) The hospital or long-term care nursing facility

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has agreed to notify the department and the court of any material changes in the health status of the inmate, the nature of the care provided or other information required by the department.

5 (vii) Each agency representing the Commonwealth at a 6 proceeding which resulted in an order committing or 7 detaining the inmate, the State or local correctional 8 facility housing the inmate and any registered crime 9 victim have been given notice and an opportunity to be 10 heard on the petition.

11 (2) The sentencing court may approve the petitioner's 12 request to temporarily defer service of the sentence of 13 confinement in order for the inmate to receive care from a 14 licensed hospice care provider, proposed by the petitioner 15 and subject to electronic monitoring by the department, if 16 all of the following are established by clear and convincing 17 proof:

18 (i) The inmate is terminally ill, not ambulatory and19 likely to die in the near future.

20 (ii) The licensed hospice care provider can provide21 the inmate with more appropriate care.

(iii) Appropriate medical care and palliative and
supportive services will be provided by the licensed
hospice care provider at the proposed hospice care
location.

(iv) The placement of the inmate in the proposed,
licensed hospice care location does not pose an undue
risk of escape or danger to the community. In making this
determination, the sentencing court shall consider the
inmate's institutional conduct record, whether the inmate

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was ever convicted of a crime of violence, the length of time that the inmate has been imprisoned and any other factors the sentencing court deems relevant.

(v) The licensed hospice care provider has agreed to
notify the department and the sentencing court of any
material changes in the health status of the inmate, the
nature of the hospice care provided or other information
required by the department or the sentencing court.

9 (vi) Each agency representing the Commonwealth at a 10 proceeding which resulted in an order committing or 11 detaining the inmate, the State or local correctional 12 facility housing the inmate and any registered crime 13 victim have been given notice and an opportunity to be 14 heard on the petition.

(3) Any order entered pursuant to this subsection 15 16 temporarily deferring service of an inmate's sentence of confinement shall include a provision that the department or 17 18 prosecuting attorney may at any time petition the sentencing 19 court for an order directing that the inmate be recommitted to the custody of the department if the circumstances under 20 21 which the inmate was released change or for any previously unknown circumstances, including a change in the inmate's 22 23 medical status, the inmate's risk of escape, the inmate's 24 danger to the community or the nature of the medical or other 25 care provided by the hospital, long-term care nursing 26 facility or hospice care provider.

(4) The sentencing court may terminate at any time its
order authorizing the temporary deferral of the service of an
inmate's sentence of confinement entered pursuant to this
subsection. An inmate taken into custody pursuant to an order

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1 directing the inmate's detention or recommitment under this subsection shall be delivered to the nearest State 2 correctional institution pending a hearing on the matter. 3 Inmates committed to custody of other facilities. -- An 4 (b) 5 inmate not committed to the custody of the department but confined in an institution authorized to incarcerate or detain 6 7 persons for criminal sentences, violations of criminal law or orders of parole, probation, bail or other order related to a 8 9 civil or criminal matter may have service of the sentence of 10 confinement deferred and may be placed in a hospital, long-term care nursing facility or licensed hospice care location, subject 11 to electronic monitoring, by order of the judge that committed 12 13 the inmate to the facility or institution or by another 14 available judge designated to preside if all of the following are established by clear and convincing proof: 15 16 The chief administrator, the chief administrator's (1) 17 designee, the inmate or a person to whom the court grants 18 standing to act on behalf of the inmate petitions the court 19 or has given written consent to the grant of a petition under this section filed on behalf of the inmate. 20

(2) There is sufficient proof to establish the requirements for a placement to a hospital or long-term care nursing facility under subsection (a) (1) or a placement to a hospice care location under subsection (a) (2).

(3) An entry of an order pursuant to this subsection
temporarily deferring service of an inmate's sentence of
confinement shall include a provision that the chief
administrator or the prosecuting attorney may at any time
petition the sentencing court seeking the issuance of a bench
warrant directing that the inmate be recommitted to the

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custody of the appropriate correctional institution if the circumstances under which the inmate was released change or for previously unknown circumstances, including a change in the inmate's medical status, the inmate's risk of escape, the inmate's danger to the community or the nature of the medical or other care provided by the hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care provider.

8 (4) The sentencing court may terminate at any time its 9 order authorizing the temporary deferral of the service of an 10 inmate's sentence of confinement entered pursuant to this subsection. An inmate taken into custody pursuant to an order 11 12 directing detention or recommitment under this subsection 13 shall be delivered to the county correctional institution or 14 other institution at which the inmate was confined prior to the entry of the order deferring the service of the sentence 15 16 of confinement pending a hearing on the matter.

(c) Service. -- Any petition filed under this section shall be 17 18 served on each agency representing the Commonwealth at each 19 proceeding which resulted in an order by which the inmate is 20 committed or detained and to the correctional institution or institution responsible for housing the inmate. Each party shall 21 have an opportunity to object and be heard as to the petition 22 23 for alternative placement, the circumstances of placement, the 24 conditions of return or any other relevant issue. The court 25 shall ensure that any crime victim entitled to notification 26 under section 201(7) or (8) of the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, has been 27 given notice and the opportunity to be heard on the petition. 28 29 All parties served or notified under this subsection shall receive a copy of the final order adjudicating the petition. 30

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1 (d) Notice.--

(1) Any order entered under this section placing an 2 inmate in a hospital, long-term care nursing facility or 3 hospice care location which provides care to persons who were 4 not placed therein pursuant to an order entered under this 5 section shall direct the individual in charge of the 6 7 hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care location to ensure that each person receiving care at, and 8 9 each employee or contractor working in, the hospital, long-10 term care nursing facility or hospice care location is notified that the placement was ordered if it is foreseeable 11 12 that the person, employee or contractor will come into 13 contact with the inmate during the placement. 14 (2) The sentencing court shall forward notice of any order entered under this section placing an inmate in a 15 16 hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care 17 location to the hospital, long-term care nursing facility or 18 hospice care location and to the Department of Human 19 Services. 20 Petition requirements. -- Any petition filed pursuant to (e) 21 this section must aver: 22 (1) The name of the hospital, long-term care nursing 23 facility or hospice care location proposed for placement. 24 (2) That the petitioner reasonably believes the named 25 hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care 26 location has agreed to accept the placement of the inmate and 27 the facts upon which that belief is based. Removal from placement.--If an inmate placed in a 28 (f) 29 hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care 30 location pursuant to this chapter removes himself from the

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1	hospital, long-term care nursing facility or hospice care
2	location, the inmate shall be subject to arrest upon probable
3	cause and shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of criminal
4	contempt.
5	(g) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following
6	words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7	subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
8	"Chief administrator." As defined under 61 Pa.C.S. § 102
9	(relating to definitions).
10	"Department." The Department of Corrections of the
11	Commonwealth.
12	"Hospice care location." A home, independent living
13	environment or inpatient setting that provides a coordinated
14	program of palliative and supportive services through a licensed
15	hospice care provider.
16	"Hospital." An entity licensed as an acute-care general
17	hospital, a specialty hospital or a rehabilitation hospital
18	under the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the
19	Health Care Facilities Act.
20	"Licensed hospice care provider." A hospice as defined under
21	section 802.1 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48),
22	known as the Health Care Facilities Act.
23	"Long-term care nursing facility." A long-term care nursing
24	facility as defined under section 802.1 of the act of July 19,
25	1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act.
26	"Prosecuting attorney." The Office of Attorney General of
27	the Commonwealth or the office of a district attorney of a
28	county who represented the Commonwealth at the most recent
29	sentencing of an inmate.
30	"Sentencing court." The trial judge who most recently
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1	sentenced an inmate or, if the trial judge is no longer serving
2	as a judge of that court, the president judge of the county
3	court of common pleas.]
4	Section 2. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:
5	<u>§ 9778. Modification of an imposed term of imprisonment for</u>
6	reasons of illness.
7	(a) Authority of court. The court that imposed a sentence <
8	<u>on a defendant or inmate may modify a term of imprisonment upon</u>
9	petition by the secretary, chief administrator of any other
10	institution, the prosecuting attorney, the inmate or the court
11	if either of the following conditions is satisfied:
12	(1) Extraordinary and compelling family hardship
13	warrants the modification. A hardship may include the
14	following:
15	(i) the death or physical or mental incapacitation
16	of the caregiver for the inmate's minor child or
17	<u>children; or</u>
18	(ii) the physical or mental incapacitation of the
19	inmate's spouse or partner if the inmate would be the
20	only available caregiver for the spouse or partner.
21	(2) The inmate has a substantially diminished ability to
22	function in a correctional facility due to:
23	(i) a terminal illness;
24	(ii) a chronic and debilitating physical or medical
25	<u>condition or disease;</u>
26	(iii) a serious functional or cognitive impairment;
27	<u>or</u>
28	(iv) deteriorating physical or mental health due to
29	the aging process.
30	(A) AUTHORITY OF COURTTHE COURT THAT IMPOSED A SENTENCE <

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1	ON A DEFENDANT OR INMATE MAY MODIFY A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT UPON
2	PETITION BY THE SECRETARY, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF ANY OTHER
3	INSTITUTION, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, THE INMATE OR THE COURT,
4	WHICH ESTABLISHES CLEAR AND CONVINCING PROOF THAT ANY OF THE
5	FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:
6	(1) THE DEFENDANT OR INMATE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A
7	TREATING PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS THAT
8	WILL REDUCE THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE EXPECTANCY.
9	(2) THE DEFENDANT OR INMATE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A
10	TREATING PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN WITH A SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT
11	RESULTS IN THE INABILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY PERFORM ONE OR MORE
12	ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.
13	(3) THE DEFENDANT OR INMATE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A
14	TREATING PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN WITH A LIFE-THREATENING
15	ILLNESS THAT CAN BE MORE APPROPRIATELY TREATED OUTSIDE THE
16	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND FOR WHICH THE MORE APPROPRIATE
17	TREATMENT MAY PREVENT PREMATURE DEATH.
18	(4) THE DEFENDANT OR INMATE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A
19	TREATING PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN WITH A SERIOUS FUNCTIONAL OR
20	COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR WITH DETERIORATING PHYSICAL OR
21	MENTAL HEALTH DUE TO THE AGING PROCESS, THAT RESULTS IN THE
22	INABILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY PERFORM ONE OR MORE ACTIVITIES OF
23	DAILY LIVING.
24	(b) Notification and decision requirements
25	(1) If a petition for sentence modification is filed by
26	an inmate under subsection (a), the inmate shall provide a
27	copy of the petition to the department or other institution
28	within seven business days of filing the petition.
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29	(2) Within three business days of receiving the inmate's
29 30	(2) Within three business days of receiving the inmate's petition for modification under paragraph (1), or within

1	three business days of the department or other institution
2	filing a petition on behalf of an inmate under subsection
3	(a), the department, other institution or the district
4	attorney for the county where the conviction occurred shall,
5	subject to any applicable confidentiality requirements,
6	notify the Office of the Victim Advocate and any registered
7	victim of the inmate's offense of the petition and the
8	general reasons for the petition and provide an opportunity
9	to respond to the court in writing within seven days.
10	(3) The department or other institution shall, subject
11	to any applicable confidentiality requirements:
12	(i) In the case of an inmate diagnosed with a
13	terminal illness:
14	(A) No later than 72 hours after the diagnosis
15	by a medical professional employed or contracted by
16	the department or other institution:
17	(I) Notify the inmate's last attorney of
18	record, spouse or partner and immediate family
19	members of the inmate's condition.
20	(II) Inform the inmate's attorney, spouse or
21	partner and family members that they may prepare
22	and submit on the inmate's behalf a petition for
23	<pre>sentence modification under subsection (a) (2) <</pre>
24	<u>(A)</u> .
25	(III) Provide the inmate's medical records
26	to the inmate and the inmate's attorney, spouse
27	or partner or family member.
28	(B) No later than seven days after the date of
29	the diagnosis, provide the inmate's spouse or partner
30	and immediate or extended family members with an

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1	opportunity to visit the inmate in person unless	
2	compelling reasons exist for denying the visit and	
3	the reasons are provided in writing.	
4	(C) Upon request from the inmate or the inmate's	
5	attorney, spouse or partner or family members, ensure	
6	that the department or other institution employees	
7	assist the inmate in the preparation, drafting or	
8	submission of a petition for sentence modification	
9	under subsection (a)(2) (A). <	•
10	(ii) In the case of an inmate who is physically or	
11	mentally unable to prepare or file a petition for	
12	<pre>sentencing modification under subsection (a) (2) (A):</pre>	•
13	(A) Inform the inmate's attorney, spouse or	
14	partner and family members that they may prepare and	
15	submit a petition for sentencing modification under	
16	<u>subsection (a) (2) (A).</u> <	•
17	(B) Upon request from the inmate, the inmate's	
18	attorney, spouse or partner or family members:	
19	(I) Ensure that the department or other	
20	institution employee staff assist the inmate in	
21	the preparation, drafting and submission of a	
22	petition for sentence modification under	
23	<u>subsection (a) (2) (A).</u> <	•
24	(II) Within three days of the request,	
25	provide the inmate's medical records to the	
26	inmate, the inmate's attorney, spouse or partner	
27	or family members.	
28	(iii) Ensure that all department or other	
29	institutional facilities regularly and visibly post,	
30	including in inmate handbooks, staff training materials	

1	and facility law libraries and medical and hospice
2	facilities, and make available to inmates upon demand,
3	notice of:
4	(A) An inmate's right to petition for a sentence
5	modification under subsection (a).
6	(B) The procedures and timelines for initiating
7	and resolving petitions described in subsections (c)
8	(2) and (d).
9	(c) Judicial procedure
10	(1) Upon receipt of a petition for a sentence
11	modification under subsection (a), the court:
12	(i) Shall give the Commonwealth an opportunity to
13	respond to the petition in writing within 10 days or a
14	shorter time as set by the court.
15	(ii) May order a hearing on the petition without
16	requiring the inmate to attend in person.
17	(iii) Shall request, from the department or other
18	institution, the petitioner's disciplinary record. The
19	record shall be provided to the court within 10 days or a
20	shorter time as set by the court.
21	(2) The court shall:
22	(i) Issue a decision on the petition, stating the
23	reasons for the decision and the decision shall be made \div <
24	(A) Within 60 days of a petition made under
25	subsection (a) (1).
26	(B) Within WITHIN 30 days of a petition made <
27	under subsection (a)(2) (A). <
28	(ii) Immediately provide a copy of the decision to
29	the inmate, the inmates' attorney, the Office of Victim
30	Advocate, the secretary, the chief administrator of any

1	other facility and any registered victim of the inmate's
2	offense.
3	(3) The court shall, when issuing a decision on the
4	petition, consider the following:
5	(i) Any response to the petition for sentence
6	modification by the Office of Victim Advocate and any
7	registered victim of the inmate's offense.
8	(ii) Any recommendation of the secretary or chief
9	administrator of any other institution.
10	(iii) The inmate's instant offense or offenses of
11	conviction.
12	(iv) The inmate's sentence and time served on the
13	instant offense or offenses of conviction.
14	(v) The inmate's current age, physical and mental
15	condition and ability to function within a correctional
16	environment.
17	(vi) The inmate's postrelease care plan, if any.
18	(vii) The inmate's disciplinary record while
19	incarcerated as well as any history of accomplishments,
20	programing attended or other records demonstrating
21	rehabilitation.
22	(viii) The likelihood that the inmate would pose an
23	unreasonable risk of danger to others or the community if
24	<u>released.</u>
25	(4) In granting a petition under subsection (a), the
26	court may impose any reasonable condition of release that
27	might be imposed under a sentence of probation under section
28	9754 (relating to order of probation) and any other condition
29	specifically tailored to the circumstances giving rise to the
30	order that is least restrictive of an inmate's liberty.

1	(5) An order granting or denying a petition under this
2	section shall be a final order for the purposes of Pa.R.A.P.
3	No. 341 (relating to final orders; generally).
4	(d) Annual reportNo later than one year after September
5	1, 2026, and once every year thereafter, the secretary shall
6	submit to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the
7	Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives a report on
8	petitions for sentence modifications under subsection (a), which
9	shall include descriptions of the following:
10	(1) The number of inmates granted and denied sentence
11	modifications, categorized by the criteria relied on for the
12	grounds for a modification in sentence.
13	(2) The number of petitions initiated by or on behalf of
14	inmates, categorized by the criteria relied on as the grounds
15	for a modification in sentence.
16	(3) The number of petitions that the department
16 17	(3) The number of petitions that the department employees assisted inmates in drafting, preparing or filing,
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17 18 19 20 21 22	<pre>employees assisted inmates in drafting, preparing or filing, categorized by the criteria relied on as the grounds for a modification in sentence and the final decision made in each petition. (4) The number of petitions that the attorneys, spouses or partners or family members submitted on an inmate's</pre>
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1	under subsection (a)(2) (A) BASED ON A DIAGNOSIS OF TERMINAL <
2	ILLNESS, the time elapsed between the date the inmate was
3	diagnosed with a terminal illness and the date the secretary
4	filed the petition in court, categorized by the criteria
5	relied on as the grounds for a modification in sentence and
6	the final decision made in each petition.
7	(7) For each criteria listed in subsection (a), the
8	number of inmates who died while a petition for sentence
9	modification was pending.
10	(8) The number of department notifications to attorneys,
11	spouses or partners and family members of their right to
12	visit a terminally ill inmate as required under subsection
13	(b)(3)(i) and, for each notification, whether the visit
14	occurred and how much time elapsed between the notification
15	and the visit.
16	(9) The number of visits to each terminally ill inmates
17	that were denied by the department due to security or other
18	concerns and the reason given for each denial.
19	(e) RegulationsThe department and the Administrative
20	Office of Pennsylvania Courts shall promulgate rules and
21	regulations to comply with the requirements of this section
22	within 180 days of the effective date of this subsection.
23	(f) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following
24	words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
25	subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
26	<u>"Chronic and debilitating physical or medical condition or </u> <
27	disease." The term includes a medical condition that is
28	persistent or permanent, requires medication or ongoing care
29	<u>from a physician or impairs a person's ability to perform</u>
30	<u>routine daily tasks or self care.</u>

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1	"ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING." FUNDAMENTAL SELF-CARE TASKS <
2	ESSENTIAL FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INCLUDING BATHING, DRESSING,
3	EATING, TRANSFERRING SUCH AS MOVING BETWEEN A BED AND A CHAIR,
4	TOILETING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE.
5	"Department." The Department of Corrections of the
6	Commonwealth.
7	"Deteriorating physical or mental health." The term includes
8	a loss of mobility in the limbs or body, inability to walk
9	without assistance, incontinence, forgetfulness, disorientation
10	or inability to perform routine daily tasks or self care without
11	assistance or supervision.
12	"LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESS." A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT IS <
13	INCURABLE AND PROGRESSIVE AND THAT WILL SHORTEN THE INDIVIDUAL'S
14	LIFE.
15	"Other institution." An institution other than the
16	department that is authorized to incarcerate or detain
17	individuals for criminal sentences, violations of criminal law
18	or orders of parole, probation, bail or other order related to a
19	<u>civil or criminal matter.</u>
20	"Secretary." The Secretary of Corrections of the
21	Commonwealth.
22	"Serious functional or cognitive impairment." A condition
23	that is persistent or permanent and limits the inmate's ability
24	to reason, perceive, comprehend or communicate. The term
25	includes intellectual disabilities, mental illness, dementia and
26	<u>brain damage from injury or stroke.</u>
27	<u>"Substantially diminished." The inmate is unable or only</u> <
28	<u>partially able to perform one or more essential daily tasks or</u>
29	<u>self care without partial or total assistance or supervision.</u>
30	"Terminal illness." A disease or condition with an end of

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life trajectory, with or without a specific prognosis of life 1 2 expectancy. The term includes metastatic solid tumor cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, end stage organ disease and 3 4 advanced dementia. 5 "TERMINAL ILLNESS." AN INCURABLE DISEASE OR CONDITION THAT <--6 IS LIFE-LIMITING AND HAS AN END-OF-LIFE TRAJECTORY, WITH OR WITHOUT A SPECIFIC PROGNOSIS OF LIFE EXPECTANCY. THE TERM 7 INCLUDES METASTATIC SOLID TUMOR CANCER, AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL 8 SCLEROSIS, END-STAGE ORGAN DISEASE AND ADVANCED DEMENTIA. 9 10 Section 3. Any regulations or parts of regulations are abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the repeal or 11 addition of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 9777 and 9778. 12 Section 4. This act shall apply to an individual sentenced 13 on, before or after the effective date of this section. 14

15 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.