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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND  
OPERATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 5, 1977 (P.L.181, No.47), entitled  
2 "An act providing for the acceptance by the Governor of  
3 jurisdiction relinquished by the United States to the  
4 Commonwealth over lands within the Commonwealth's  
5 boundaries," further providing for general provisions and for  
6 procedure relating to concurrent jurisdiction over military  
7 installations.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of the act of August 5, 1977  
11 (P.L.181, No.47), entitled "An act providing for the acceptance  
12 by the Governor of jurisdiction relinquished by the United  
13 States to the Commonwealth over lands within the Commonwealth's  
14 boundaries," are amended to read:

15 Section 1. General provisions.

16 The consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby  
17 given to the retrocession of jurisdiction by the United States  
18 over land within the boundaries of the Commonwealth now owned or  
19 later acquired by the United States. The Governor is hereby

1 authorized to accept for the Commonwealth such retrocession to  
2 partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction.

3 Section 2. Procedure.

4 Retrocession of jurisdiction shall be effected upon the  
5 completion of the following procedure:

6 (1) Written notice shall be filed with the Governor by  
7 the United States, or any department or agency thereof, in  
8 accordance with applicable acts of Congress. When a notice is  
9 filed by the principal officer of the military installation  
10 or other authorized representative of the United States  
11 having supervision and control over the land of a military  
12 installation, the notice shall:

13 (i) Clearly state the subject matter for the  
14 concurrent jurisdiction request, specifically identifying  
15 whether it includes juvenile delinquency and status  
16 offenses.

17 (ii) Provide a metes and bounds description of the  
18 boundary of the concurrent jurisdiction request.

19 (iii) Indicate whether the request includes future  
20 contiguous expansions of land acquired for military  
21 purposes.

22 (2) The Governor shall give public notice of  
23 retrocession of jurisdiction by publication in the  
24 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

25 (3) Written acceptance shall not be made less than 30  
26 days after public notice of retrocession.

27 (4) The following procedure shall apply when a notice is  
28 filed:

29 (i) When the notice is filed by the principal  
30 officer of the military installation or other authorized

1 representative of the United States having supervision  
2 and control over the land of a military installation, the  
3 Governor's written acceptance shall confirm each of the  
4 elements of the request that are accepted and shall cause  
5 to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

6 (A) The United States' request for concurrent  
7 jurisdiction.

8 (B) The Governor's written acceptance.

9 (C) The metes and bounds description of the land  
10 to be recorded and indexed.

11 (ii) Upon the filing with the Secretary of the  
12 Commonwealth, the Governor shall cause a certified copy  
13 of the recorded documents to be sent to the requestor.

14 (5) Upon the establishment of concurrent jurisdiction,  
15 any State or local agency may enter into a reciprocal  
16 agreement or memorandum of understanding with any agency of  
17 the United States for coordination and designation of  
18 responsibilities related to the concurrent jurisdiction.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.