THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An 1 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 2 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 5 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 6 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain 7 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," in inheritance tax, further providing for 10 definitions and for exclusions. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 13 14 Section 1. Section 2102 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, 15 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by 16 adding a definition to read: 17 Section 2102. Definitions. -- The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings 18 19 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context 20 clearly indicates a different meaning:

- 1 <u>"Small business." An enterprise that has:</u>
- 2 (1) not more than fifty employes;
- 3 (2) a net book value of assets totaling less than five
- 4 million dollars (\$5,000,000) at the beginning or end of the most
- 5 recent calendar year; and
- 6 (3) has been operated by a person with an ownership interest
- 7 of at least seventy-five per cent of the business for a minimum
- 8 <u>of five years.</u>
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- 10 Section 2. Section 2111 of the act is amended by adding a
- 11 subsection to read:
- 12 Section 2111. Transfers Not Subject to Tax. --* * *
- (t) A transfer of a small business and its assets, including
- 14 <u>real estate, is exempt from inheritance tax provided that the</u>
- 15 small business is being transferred to one or more members of
- 16 the same family and the family member maintains the operation of
- 17 the small business for a minimum of seven years.
- 18 Section 3. The addition of section 2111(t) of the act shall
- 19 apply to the estates of decedents who die on or after the
- 20 effective date of this section.
- 21 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.