

Bill Summary

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A. Synopsis:

HB985 strengthens and expands whistleblower protections for employees of entities licensed by the Pa Department of Banking.

B. Summary:

HB 985 amends Section 1104 (Protection of Employees) of the Department of Banking Code (Act 111 of 1933).

Whistleblower protections are expanded to include protection for employees with regard to any violation of law (current protections only apply to a violation of Act 111).

It is specified that a licensee may not bring a cause of action against an employee for damages for reporting a violation of law or participating in an investigation, hearing, inquiry or court action relating to a violation of law.

This will be effective 60 days after enactment.