

A map of Pennsylvania with its county boundaries and names labeled. The map is light blue and white, with the county names in a small, dark font. The text "Volunteer Organizations in Pennsylvania facing major hurdles with new law" is overlaid in a large, dark blue font.

“Volunteer Organizations in Pennsylvania facing major hurdles with new law”

*How does the new law affect me and
what can Protect My Ministry do to help?*

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WHAT IS THE NEW LAW?

Pennsylvania passed a new law titled **ACT 153** that became effective 12/31/2014, requiring all volunteers that come in contact with children to have the following:

- Pennsylvania State Police Background Check
- Pennsylvania State Child Abuse Clearance/Background Check
- FBI Clearance via Fingerprinting for residents who have resided outside Pennsylvania in the last ten years



IMPLICATIONS OF NEW LAW

- Higher cost for volunteer organizations
- Longer wait times to receive results
- More paperwork to manage by organization
- More criteria for volunteer to be approved
- Has implication on current employees



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Organization must maintain copies of the original document, in accordance of the ACT 153, in case of auditing
- Organization must apply disqualification criteria, aligned with state law, to all adverse reports

For information on disqualification criteria, please visit
[Arnall Golden Gregory Attorney at Law's Blog](#)



PROTECT MY MINISTRY SOLUTIONS

- PMM has developed a unique **PA153** package, which include all Pennsylvania mandated requirements
- PMM has lowered the cost of the **PA153** package dramatically to help absorb cost for your organization
- PMM will manage all the documentation securely, including storing the original document and providing a link for you to retrieve the document

NOTE: PMM will reduce your organization's risk by assuring 100% compliance with ACT 153



PROTECT MY MINISTRY SOLUTIONS CONTINUED

- PMM can manage the grading, aligning with your organization and the state's criteria
- PMM can manage all adverse action
- One-stop shop to meet all your screening needs including but not limited to the PA law
- PMM provides a knowledgeable client service team and compliance department in case you have any additional questions

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THE PROCESS

- Organization orders PA153 package from PMM.

Package Includes:

- Nationwide Combo Search with smart name search
 - SSN verification & address history
 - Multi-state criminal search
 - National sex offender search
 - Child Abuse Clearance Check
 - Pennsylvania Statewide Background Check
- PMM provides email with unique code and how-to instructions on what the volunteer needs to do
- Once clearance results are received and reviewed, reports are immediately made available to the organization





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