

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1877** Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JULY 4, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,  
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public  
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing  
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake  
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of  
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing  
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for  
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of  
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and  
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing  
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;  
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;  
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,  
15 including agreements with the United States, the  
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities  
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and  
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained  
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and  
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and  
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning  
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"  
23 further providing for powers of authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 10(ee) of the act of May 28, 1937  
27 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, added

1 October 4, 1978 (P.L.1008, No.215), is amended to read:

2 Section 10. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall  
3 constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising  
4 public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which  
5 powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to  
6 carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of this act,  
7 including the following powers, in addition to others herein  
8 granted:

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10 (ee) In a city of the second or third class, to appoint  
11 police officers who shall have the same rights, powers and  
12 duties as other peace officers in the Commonwealth with respect  
13 to the property and enforcing order on and adjacent to the  
14 grounds and buildings of the Authority: Provided, That said  
15 police officers complete the same course of instruction as is  
16 required for municipal police officers by the act of June 18,  
17 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police  
18 Education and Training Law.

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20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.