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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2333** Session of  
1976

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INTRODUCED BY CIMINI AND GRIECO, MAY 3, 1976

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MAY 3, 1976

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633, No.493), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act providing and regulating State assistance  
3 for housing and redevelopment, including comprehensive  
4 programs for the development of entire sections or  
5 neighborhoods; and making an appropriation," further  
6 providing for grant authorizations.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4, act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633,  
10 No.493), known as the "Housing and Redevelopment Assistance  
11 Law," reenacted and amended April 12, 1956 (P.L.1449, No.477),  
12 and December 16, 1968 (P.L.1219, No.385), is amended to read:

13 Section 4. Grant Authorization.--The department is hereby  
14 authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided, (a) to  
15 make capital grants in the furtherance of housing development  
16 and to assist the construction and operating of housing projects  
17 through the payment of such grants by contracting with  
18 governmental agencies or authorities such as housing authorities  
19 and urban redevelopment authorities, or with limited dividend  
20 housing corporations, insurance companies, or any other private,

1 public or semi-public agencies, firms or corporations providing  
2 adequate surety, acceptable to the department, guaranteeing  
3 continuity of operation throughout the term of its contract, and  
4 (b) to make capital grants to redevelopment authorities in the  
5 furtherance of redevelopment, and (c) to make capital grants to  
6 municipalities or to redevelopment authorities for the  
7 prevention and elimination of blight, and (d) to make capital  
8 grants to governmental agencies or authorities or nonprofit  
9 corporations for the purpose of providing funds, which would be  
10 otherwise unavailable to initiate, apply for, administer, and  
11 execute lower income housing projects financed under any  
12 [Federal] State or local lower income housing program, said  
13 housing projects to be built and operated in accordance with  
14 [Federal] applicable State or local law and regulations,  
15 including income limitations, and said housing projects shall  
16 not be bound by the conditions attached to housing projects  
17 pursuant to [section 4] clause (a), and said grant shall not  
18 exceed ten per cent of the total cost of a proposed project, and  
19 (e) to make capital grants to governmental agencies or  
20 authorities, or nonprofit corporations for the purpose of  
21 acquiring [single family] dwelling units which are in a state of  
22 disrepair, and to rehabilitate said dwelling units and to sell  
23 these dwelling units to persons or families whose income is not  
24 higher than the [highest annual income level in the lower or  
25 middle third of nonfarm family incomes, and whose financial  
26 resources would be insufficient to purchase said dwelling unit  
27 after rehabilitation without the assistance provided by this  
28 act, purchaser's income to be considered insufficient in cases  
29 where more than twenty per cent of said income would be required  
30 for debt service to liquidate the mortgage; the resale price for

1 the rehabilitated dwelling unit shall not be less than the cost  
2 of initial acquisition, nor more than the cost of acquisition  
3 and rehabilitation;] limits set by applicable State or local  
4 housing programs for lower income families; programs under this  
5 [subsection 4] clause (e) shall not be bound by the conditions  
6 attached to housing projects produced under [subsection 4]  
7 clauses (a), and (f) to cooperate with and make exchanges of the  
8 use of personnel, or funds with other departments, agencies, or  
9 instrumentalities of the Commonwealth in the execution of  
10 housing functions delegated to said departments, agencies, or  
11 instrumentalities by the General Assembly.

12 There shall be no discrimination against any person because  
13 of race, color, religion or national origin in the rental or  
14 occupancy of any housing constructed under the provisions of  
15 this act.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.