
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1882 Session of
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COWELL, MILLIRON, SWEET AND O'KEEFE, NOVEMBER 16, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
NOVEMBER 16, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," granting additional
21 supervisory powers to the Department of Agriculture over
22 certain State lands presently supervised by the Department of
23 Public Welfare and authorizing certain leasing arrangements
24 by the Department of Agriculture.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1712. Supervision over Certain Lands.--(a) The supervisory power over State lands adjoining or surrounding State institutions exercised by the Department of Public Welfare, which lands have been or are presently used for agricultural purposes, is hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The Department of Agriculture shall undertake a complete examination of these State lands to determine the best agricultural use of the land. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act, the Department of Agriculture shall establish a lease program where the lands so supervised shall be returned to full agricultural production by the highest successful bidder.

(c) The Department of Agriculture shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer the provisions of subsection (b).

Section 2. (a) The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is repealed insofar as it grants supervisory powers over State lands surrounding or adjoining State institutions subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Welfare.

(b) The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code," is repealed insofar as it grants supervising powers over State lands surrounding or adjoining State institutions subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Welfare.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.