

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1941 Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, DAWIDA AND CHESS, NOVEMBER 1, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 1, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 30, 1967 (P.L.658, No.305),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing municipal
3 corporations to designate business improvement districts,
4 create bonded or other evidences of indebtedness to acquire
5 and finance improvements in such districts, and assess and
6 collect special assessments from benefited properties in such
7 districts," providing for maintenance and administrative
8 services.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2, act of November 30, 1967 (P.L.658,
12 No.305), known as the "Business Improvement District Act of
13 1967," is amended by adding clauses to read:

14 Section 2. Powers of Governing Body.--The governing body of
15 every municipal corporation shall have the power:

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17 (6) To appropriate and expend in accordance with the
18 specific provisions of the enabling ordinance such amounts as
19 may be necessary for the maintenance of such districts
20 including, but not limited to, the cleaning of streets,

sidewalks, rest areas, and other acquired property; repairs to street lighting and other acquired improvements and security.

(7) To appropriate and expend in accordance with the specific provisions of the enabling ordinance such amounts as may be necessary for the administrative services of such districts. Administrative services means those intangible matters which improve the ability of the commercial activities of the district to serve the consumer including, but not limited to, free or reduced parking for customers, transportation repayments, public relations programs, group advertising and uniform credit policies.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 5. Maintenance and Administrative Services Method of Assessment.--(a) The total cost of the maintenance and administrative services in such districts shall be assessed to all of the benefited properties in the districts by the methods provided in section 4(a).

(b) The governing body may by ordinance authorize the payment of such assessment in equal annual, or more frequent installments, over such time as set forth in the ordinance.

(c) Claims to secure the assessments shall be made as provided in section 4(c).

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