

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1531** Session of  
1985

INTRODUCED BY VAN HORNE, SWIFT, WOZNIAK AND CALTAGIRONE,  
JUNE 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 27, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled  
2 "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending,  
3 revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto,"  
4 further providing for sales of personal property.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1917 of the act of June 23, 1931  
8 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, reenacted  
9 and amended June 28, 1951 (P.L.662, No.164) and amended July 30,  
10 1963 (P.L.369, No.197), is amended to read:

11 Section 1917. Sales of Personal Property.--No city personal  
12 property shall be disposed of by sale or otherwise except upon  
13 approval of council by ordinance or resolution. In cases where  
14 council shall approve a sale of city personal property, it shall  
15 estimate the sale value of the entire lot to be disposed of. If  
16 council shall estimate such sale value to be less than two  
17 hundred dollars, it shall require a notice of the proposed sale  
18 to be posted for at least ten days on the bulletin board in the

1 city hall, describing and itemizing the property to be sold and  
2 directing that bids may be made thereon at the office of the  
3 city clerk. Thereafter, council may sell such property, in whole  
4 or in part, for the best price or prices obtainable. If council  
5 shall estimate the sale value to be two hundred dollars or more,  
6 the entire lot shall be advertised for sale once in at least one  
7 newspaper, in accordance with the provisions of section one  
8 hundred nine of this act, and sale of the property so advertised  
9 shall be made to the best responsible bidder; and the bids shall  
10 not be opened until at least ten days after the said  
11 advertisement. Council may sell any such property at auction,  
12 but the provisions as to notice contained in this section shall  
13 be likewise observed as to the holding of such auction sales.  
14 The provisions of this section shall not be mandatory where city  
15 personal property is to be traded-in or exchanged for new city  
16 personal property. The provisions of this section requiring  
17 advertising for bids shall not apply where city personal  
18 property is to be sold to a political subdivision, school  
19 district, municipal authority, housing authority, redevelopment  
20 authority, parking authority, industrial development authority,  
21 nonprofit corporation engaged in economic or industrial  
22 development, or a public library.

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