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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OCTOBER 13, 1988

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Hardwoods DEVELOPMENT Council; conferring <—  
2 powers and duties upon the council; and making an  
3 appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Hardwoods  
8 DEVELOPMENT Council Act. <—

9 ~~Section 2. Declaration of policy.~~ <—

10 ~~The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:~~

11 ~~(1) The hardwood forest industry is an important segment~~  
12 ~~of the continuing economic revitalization of this~~  
13 ~~Commonwealth.~~

14 ~~(2) Fifty five percent of the land in this Commonwealth~~  
15 ~~is classified as commercial forest land. This represents~~  
16 ~~approximately 16,000,000 acres of timber resources, which are~~

1 ~~capable of providing essential raw materials for an~~  
2 ~~economically sound and expanding forest industry.~~

3 ~~(3) This Commonwealth is uniquely endowed with an excess~~  
4 ~~of timber resources. This heritage, utilizing proper multiuse~~  
5 ~~management by professional foresters and private interests,~~  
6 ~~will provide a vital source of raw materials and jobs for~~  
7 ~~present and future generations. However, the Commonwealth has~~  
8 ~~not made the most of this unique opportunity. Most of the~~  
9 ~~marketable hardwoods are being shipped out of this~~  
10 ~~Commonwealth and out of the country, where they will be~~  
11 ~~transformed into value added hardwood products, instead of~~  
12 ~~being processed in this Commonwealth.~~

13 ~~(4) The Commonwealth, in an effort to promote economic~~  
14 ~~development, should take the initiative by encouraging the~~  
15 ~~hardwood industry to further develop the secondary~~  
16 ~~manufacturing process of hardwood. This will make full use of~~  
17 ~~the valuable and renewable timber resource and create vital~~  
18 ~~jobs.~~

19 ~~(5) It is the policy of the Commonwealth to establish~~  
20 ~~the council for the purpose of expanding and promoting the~~  
21 ~~development and efficient usage of hardwood timber resources~~  
22 ~~located in this Commonwealth.~~

23 ~~Section 3. Definitions.~~

24 ~~The following words and phrases when used in this act shall~~  
25 ~~have the meanings given to them in this section unless the~~  
26 ~~context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

27 ~~"Council." The Hardwoods Council of the Commonwealth~~  
28 ~~established under section 4.~~

29 ~~"Department." The Department of Commerce of the~~  
30 ~~Commonwealth.~~

1 ~~Section 4. Council.~~

2 ~~(a) Establishment. The Hardwoods Council is established~~  
3 ~~within the department. The council shall be composed of 21-22~~ <—  
4 ~~members:~~

5 ~~(1) Four ex officio members:~~

6 ~~(i) The Secretary of Agriculture.~~

7 ~~(ii) The Secretary of Commerce.~~

8 ~~(iii) The Secretary of Environmental Resources.~~

9 ~~(iv) The State Forester.~~

10 ~~(2) Four legislative members:~~

11 ~~(i) Two senators appointed by the President pro~~  
12 ~~tempore of the Senate, one from the majority party and~~  
13 ~~one from the minority party.~~

14 ~~(ii) Two representatives appointed by the Speaker of~~  
15 ~~the House of Representatives, one from the majority party~~  
16 ~~and one from the minority party.~~

17 ~~(I) TWO SENATORS, ONE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO~~ <—  
18 ~~TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY~~  
19 ~~LEADER OF THE SENATE.~~

20 ~~(II) TWO REPRESENTATIVES, ONE APPOINTED BY THE~~  
21 ~~SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE APPOINTED~~  
22 ~~BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.~~

23 ~~(3) Thirteen FOURTEEN public members appointed by the~~ <—  
24 ~~Governor:~~

25 ~~(i) One representative of an agricultural college~~  
26 ~~from a State related university.~~

27 ~~(ii) One representative of the Forest Service of the~~  
28 ~~Federal Department of Agriculture.~~

29 ~~(iii) One representative of furniture manufacturers.~~

30 ~~(iv) One representative of hardwood exporters.~~

~~(v) Two representatives of hardwood processors.~~

~~(vi) Two representatives of nonprofit corporations  
which have the purpose to promote and enhance the  
hardwood industry in this Commonwealth. and which are  
approved by the council.~~

~~(vii) One representative of the Pennsylvania Chamber  
of Business and Industry.~~

~~(viii) One representative of the Pennsylvania  
Forestry Association.~~

~~(ix) One representative of the Pennsylvania Hardwood  
Lumber Manufacturing Association.~~

~~(x) Two representatives of pulp and paper  
manufacturers.~~

~~(XI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA OIL AND  
GAS ASSOCIATION.~~

~~(b) Terms.~~

~~(1) Ex officio members under subsection (a)(1) shall  
serve as long as they are in office.~~

~~(2) Legislative members under subsection (a)(2) shall  
serve terms of two years.~~

~~(3) Public members under subsection (a)(3) shall serve  
the following terms:~~

~~(i) Public members under subsection (a)(3)(vi)  
through (ix) shall serve terms of two years.~~

~~(ii) Public members under subsection (a)(3)(iii)  
through (v) and (x) shall serve terms of three years.~~

~~(iii) Public members under subsection (a)(3)(i) and  
(ii) shall serve terms of four years.~~

~~(c) Designees. Ex officio members under subsection (a)(1)  
and legislative members under subsection (a)(2) may appoint~~

~~designees to serve on the council.~~

~~(d) Vacancies. Vacancies in office shall be filled by the appointing authority who made the original appointment.~~

~~(e) Officers. The council shall elect one of its members to be chairperson and may elect other officers as it deems necessary.~~

~~(f) Meetings. The council shall meet quarterly and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairperson. Eleven members constitute a quorum.~~

~~(g) Expenses. Members of the council shall serve without compensation. They shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.~~

#### ~~Section 5. Functions and objectives.~~

~~The council shall serve as the coordinating body to the General Assembly and the administrative agencies of the Commonwealth with regard to the development, expansion and promotion of the hardwood industry in this Commonwealth. The council shall seek to meet the following objectives:~~

~~(1) To expand the hardwood industrial job base in this Commonwealth. This paragraph includes expansion of existing hardwood jobs and recruitment of complementary new hardwood manufacturing process companies. The objective stated in this paragraph shall lead to retention, expansion and creation of jobs. The objective stated in this paragraph shall utilize an increase in JOBS, AND THE FOSTERING OF capital investments in the hardwood industry in this Commonwealth.~~

~~(2) To promote better efficiencies of the existing hardwood industries. This paragraph includes technology transfer, applied research and investment in equipment and~~

1 ~~technology necessary to enhance the hardwood industry.~~

2 ~~(3) To promote basic research in wood characteristics~~  
3 ~~and product potential, current wood product promotion, new~~  
4 ~~product development and marketing and long range research and~~  
5 ~~marketing strategies. This paragraph is comprehensive; it is~~  
6 ~~aimed at all species and grades of woods, including those~~  
7 ~~species that are underutilized.~~

8 ~~(4) To provide institutional support for the hardwood~~  
9 ~~industry of this Commonwealth by insuring effective~~  
10 ~~cooperation and communication among governmental agencies,~~  
11 ~~the academic and research community and the hardwood~~  
12 ~~industry. This paragraph includes international activity.~~

13 ~~(5) To establish information transfer through a common~~  
14 ~~data base and knowledgeable personnel to further develop and~~  
15 ~~enhance the hardwood industry.~~

16 ~~(6) To encourage long range hardwood development in ways~~  
17 ~~which are sustainable and environmentally sound. This~~  
18 ~~paragraph includes educational programs providing knowledge~~  
19 ~~in the area of forest management and marketing methods and~~  
20 ~~effective planning and development to preserve timber, a~~  
21 ~~renewable resource, for multiuse in a diversified regional~~  
22 ~~economy.~~

23 ~~Section 6. Powers and duties of council.~~

24 ~~The council has the following powers and duties:~~

25 ~~(1) To undertake and implement appropriate measures~~  
26 ~~relating to the promotion of the industrial potential of the~~  
27 ~~hardwood industry in this Commonwealth.~~

28 ~~(2) To create plans for economic development and~~  
29 ~~expansion of the Commonwealth's hardwood industry.~~

30 ~~(3) To recommend implementation procedures for plans to~~

1 ~~maximize existing mechanisms with proven ability to~~  
2 ~~accomplish tasks; to improve linkages among current programs;~~  
3 ~~and to organize business, labor and government insights into~~  
4 ~~the practicality and workability of suggested approaches.~~

5 ~~(4) To encourage and stimulate cooperation and~~  
6 ~~coordination among Federal, State and local programs. This~~  
7 ~~paragraph includes public sector and private sector programs.~~

8 ~~(3) TO INSURE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION~~ <—  
9 ~~AMONG ORGANIZED LABOR AND BUSINESS GROUPS REGARDING THE~~  
10 ~~PRACTICALITY AND WORKABILITY OF THE SUGGESTED APPROACHES OF~~  
11 ~~THE COUNCIL.~~

12 ~~(4) TO ENCOURAGE AND STIMULATE COOPERATION AND~~  
13 ~~COORDINATION AMONG FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS. THIS~~  
14 ~~PARAGRAPH INCLUDES PUBLIC SECTOR AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMS.~~  
15 ~~THIS PARAGRAPH INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE DATA OF ADMINISTRATIVE~~  
16 ~~AGENCIES UNLESS THE ACCESS IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.~~

17 ~~(5) To recommend to the Governor and the General~~  
18 ~~Assembly structural changes and the updating of economic~~  
19 ~~delivery tools of State Government that may prove beneficial~~  
20 ~~to the hardwood industry.~~

21 ~~(6) To undertake research. This paragraph includes the~~  
22 ~~utilization of consultants relevant to the development,~~  
23 ~~expansion and promotion of the hardwood industry in this~~  
24 ~~Commonwealth.~~

25 ~~(7) To maintain liaison with, and provide necessary and~~  
26 ~~appropriate financial assistance to, regulatory and other~~  
27 ~~groups and organizations involved with the hardwood industry.~~

28 ~~(8) To enter into contracts.~~

29 ~~(9) To appoint, fix compensation of and prescribe duties~~  
30 ~~of an executive director, a secretary and other personnel as~~

1 ~~the council deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of~~  
2 ~~this act.~~

3 ~~(10) To accept grants from public and private sources.~~

4 ~~(11) To promulgate regulations to administer this act.~~

5 ~~(12) To do things that it deems necessary, proper and~~  
6 ~~expedient in accomplishing the purposes of this act.~~

7 ~~(13) To cooperate with the administrative agencies of~~  
8 ~~the Commonwealth. This paragraph includes access to the data~~  
9 ~~of administrative agencies unless the access is prohibited by~~  
10 ~~law.~~

11 ~~(7) TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH, AND PROVIDE NECESSARY~~ <—  
12 ~~FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORMS OF LOANS AND GRANTS TO,~~  
13 ~~APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH THE HARDWOOD~~  
14 ~~INDUSTRY.~~

15 ~~(8) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS.~~

16 ~~(9) TO APPOINT FIXED COMPENSATION AND PRESCRIBE DUTIES~~  
17 ~~OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY~~  
18 ~~OF COMMERCE, AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE~~  
19 ~~PURPOSES OF THIS ACT. OTHER PERSONNEL SHALL BE PROVIDED BY~~  
20 ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.~~

21 ~~(10) TO ACCEPT GRANTS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES.~~

22 ~~(11) TO DO THINGS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY, PROPER AND~~  
23 ~~EXPEDIENT IN ACCOMPLISHING THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.~~

24 ~~Section 7. Reports.~~

25 ~~The council shall make a biennial written report to the~~  
26 ~~Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the hardwood~~  
27 ~~industry in this Commonwealth. The first report is due within~~  
28 ~~one year of the effective date of this act. The report shall~~  
29 ~~include:~~

30 ~~(1) The extent to which the hardwood industry has~~



1 ~~provided employment and income for the residents of this~~  
2 ~~Commonwealth.~~

3 ~~(2) The actions taken to enhance the performance of the~~  
4 ~~hardwood industry.~~

5 ~~(3) Recommendations for revisions in policies, programs~~  
6 ~~and procedures and for proposed legislation that will enhance~~  
7 ~~the economic performance of the hardwood industry in this~~  
8 ~~Commonwealth.~~

9 ~~Section 8. Appropriation.~~

10 ~~The sum of \$1,500,000, or as much thereof as may be~~  
11 ~~necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Hardwood Council for~~  
12 ~~the fiscal year July 1, 1987, to June 30, 1988, to carry out the~~  
13 ~~provisions of this act.~~

14 ~~Section 9. Effective date~~

15 ~~This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

16 SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. <—

17 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

18 (1) THE HARDWOOD FOREST INDUSTRY PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE  
19 CONTINUING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

20 (2) FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE LAND IN THIS COMMONWEALTH  
21 IS CLASSIFIED AS COMMERCIAL FOREST LAND. THIS REPRESENTS  
22 APPROXIMATELY 16,000,000 ACRES OF TIMBER RESOURCES, WHICH ARE  
23 CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS FOR AN  
24 ECONOMICALLY SOUND AND EXPANDING FOREST INDUSTRY.

25 (3) THIS COMMONWEALTH IS UNIQUELY ENDOWED WITH AN  
26 ABUNDANCE OF TIMBER RESOURCES. THIS HERITAGE, UTILIZING  
27 PROPER MULTIUSE MANAGEMENT BY PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS AND  
28 PRIVATE INTERESTS, WILL PROVIDE A VITAL SOURCE OF RAW  
29 MATERIALS AND JOBS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

30 HOWEVER, THE COMMONWEALTH HAS NOT MADE THE MOST OF THIS

1       UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. MOST OF THE MARKETABLE HARDWOODS ARE  
2       BEING SHIPPED OUTSIDE THIS COMMONWEALTH AND OUT OF THE  
3       COUNTRY, WHERE THEY ARE TRANSFORMED INTO VALUE-ADDED HARDWOOD  
4       PRODUCTS, INSTEAD OF BEING PROCESSED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

5           (4) THE COMMONWEALTH, IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC  
6       DEVELOPMENT, SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE BY ENCOURAGING THE  
7       HARDWOOD INDUSTRY TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE SECONDARY  
8       MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF HARDWOOD. THIS WILL MAKE FULL USE OF  
9       THE VALUABLE AND RENEWABLE TIMBER RESOURCE AND CREATE VITAL  
10      JOBS.

11          (5) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO ESTABLISH  
12      THE COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING AND PROMOTING THE  
13      DEVELOPMENT AND EFFICIENT USAGE OF FOREST PRODUCT RESOURCES  
14      LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

15   SECTION 3.  DEFINITIONS.

16      THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL  
17      HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
18      CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

19      "COUNCIL."  THE HARDWOODS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE  
20      COMMONWEALTH ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 4.

21      "DEPARTMENT."  THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE  
22      COMMONWEALTH.

23   SECTION 4.  COUNCIL.

24      (A) COMPOSITION.--THE HARDWOODS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS  
25      ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE,  
26      BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING 21 MEMBERS:

27          (1) FOUR MEMBERS:

28              (I) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

29              (II) THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

30              (III) THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.

1 (IV) THE STATE FORESTER.

2 (2) FOUR LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS:

3 (I) TWO SENATORS, ONE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO  
4 TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY  
5 LEADER OF THE SENATE.

6 (II) TWO REPRESENTATIVES, ONE APPOINTED BY THE  
7 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE APPOINTED  
8 BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9 (3) THIRTEEN PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

10 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
11 FROM A STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

12 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREST SERVICE OF THE  
13 FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

14 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS.

15 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEER MANUFACTURERS

16 (V) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF SECONDARY PROCESSORS.

17 (VI) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS  
18 WHICH HAVE THE PURPOSE TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE  
19 HARDWOOD INDUSTRY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

20 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAMBER  
21 OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

22 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
23 FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

24 (IX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HARDWOOD  
25 LUMBER MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION.

26 (X) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF PULP AND PAPER  
27 MANUFACTURERS.

28 (XI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAW MILL OPERATORS

29 (B) TERM OF OFFICE.--

30 (1) MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) SHALL SERVE AS LONG

1 AS THEY ARE IN OFFICE.

2 (2) LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) SHALL  
3 SERVE TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

4 (3) PUBLIC MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) SHALL SERVE  
5 THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

6 (I) PUBLIC MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3)(VI)  
7 THROUGH (IX) SHALL SERVE TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

8 (II) PUBLIC MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3)(III)  
9 THROUGH (V), (X) AND (XI) SHALL SERVE TERMS OF THREE  
10 YEARS.

11 (III) PUBLIC MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3)(I) AND  
12 (II) SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS.

13 (C) DESIGNEES.--MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) AND  
14 LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) MAY APPOINT  
15 DESIGNEES TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL.

16 (D) VACANCIES.--VACANCIES IN OFFICE SHALL BE FILLED BY THE  
17 APPOINTING AUTHORITY WHO MADE THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

18 (E) OFFICERS.--THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OR HIS DESIGNEE  
19 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT OTHER  
20 OFFICERS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.

21 (F) MEETINGS.--THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET QUARTERLY AND SHALL  
22 HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. A SIMPLE  
23 MAJORITY SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

24 (G) COMPENSATION.--MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE  
25 WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

## 26 SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES.

27 THE COUNCIL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,  
28 EXPANSION AND PROMOTION OF THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY IN THIS  
29 COMMONWEALTH. THE COUNCIL SHALL SEEK TO MEET THE FOLLOWING  
30 OBJECTIVES:

1           (1) TO EXPAND THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRIAL JOB BASE IN THIS  
2 COMMONWEALTH. THIS CLAUSE INCLUDES EXPANSION OF EXISTING  
3 HARDWOOD JOBS AND RECRUITMENT OF COMPLEMENTARY NEW HARDWOOD  
4 MANUFACTURING PROCESS COMPANIES. THE OBJECTIVE STATED IN THIS  
5 CLAUSE SHALL LEAD TO RETENTION, EXPANSION AND CREATION OF  
6 JOBS, AND THE FOSTERING OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE  
7 HARDWOOD INDUSTRY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

8           (2) TO PROMOTE BETTER EFFICIENCIES OF THE EXISTING  
9 HARDWOOD INDUSTRIES TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND  
10 INVESTMENT IN EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE HARDWOOD  
11 INDUSTRY.

12          (3) TO PROMOTE BASIC AND LONG-TERM RESEARCH IN WOOD  
13 CHARACTERISTICS AND NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. THIS SHALL  
14 INCLUDE RESEARCH AIMED AT ALL SPECIES AND GRADES OF WOODS,  
15 INCLUDING THOSE SPECIES THAT ARE UNDERUTILIZED.

16          (4) TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE HARDWOOD  
17 INDUSTRY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH BY INSURING EFFECTIVE  
18 COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES,  
19 THE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COMMUNITY AND THE HARDWOOD  
20 INDUSTRY. THIS CLAUSE INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY.

21          (5) TO ESTABLISH INFORMATION TRANSFER THROUGH A COMMON  
22 DATA BASE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND  
23 ENHANCE THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY.

24          (6) TO ENCOURAGE LONG-RANGE HARDWOOD DEVELOPMENT IN WAYS  
25 WHICH ARE SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND. THIS CLAUSE  
26 INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE IN THE AREA  
27 OF FOREST MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING METHODS AND EFFECTIVE  
28 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO PRESERVE TIMBER, A RENEWABLE  
29 RESOURCE, FOR MULTIUSE IN A DIVERSIFIED REGIONAL ECONOMY.

30 SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL.

1 THE COUNCIL HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:

2 (1) TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE MEASURES RELATING TO THE  
3 PROMOTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL OF THE HARDWOOD  
4 INDUSTRY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

5 (2) TO PROPOSE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
6 EXPANSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S HARDWOOD INDUSTRY.

7 (3) TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING  
8 PROGRAM TO PROMOTE PENNSYLVANIA HARDWOODS AS THE WORLD'S  
9 FINEST AND TO ASSIST PENNSYLVANIA'S HARDWOOD MANUFACTURERS  
10 AND PROCESSORS IN DEVELOPING NATIONAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS.

11 (4) TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG  
12 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS. THIS CLAUSE INCLUDES  
13 PUBLIC-SECTOR AND PRIVATE-SECTOR PROGRAMS. THIS CLAUSE  
14 INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE DATA OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES UNLESS  
15 THE ACCESS IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.

16 (5) TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF  
17 COMMERCE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE UPDATING OF ECONOMIC  
18 DELIVERY TOOLS AS WELL AS TO DEVELOP RESEARCH INITIATIVES  
19 WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE PROMOTION OF THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY IN  
20 THE COMMONWEALTH.

21 (6) TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH AND ADVISE THE GOVERNOR,  
22 THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON  
23 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
24 RESEARCH, MARKETING AND PROMOTION. THESE ACTIVITIES SHALL BE  
25 CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
26 APPROPRIATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRIMARY ROLE IS TO  
27 PROMOTE THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY.

28 SECTION 7. COUNCIL STAFF AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

29 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF  
30 PEOPLE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A

1 FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S  
2 ACTIVITIES. THE STAFF SUPPORT IS CONDITIONAL UPON THE  
3 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS DESIGNATED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY.

5 SECTION 8. REPORTS.

6 THE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE A BIENNIAL WRITTEN REPORT TO THE  
7 GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE HARDWOOD  
8 INDUSTRY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE WITHIN  
9 ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE. THE REPORT SHALL  
10 INCLUDE:

11 (1) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY HAS  
12 PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS  
13 COMMONWEALTH.

14 (2) THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENHANCE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE  
15 HARDWOOD INDUSTRY.

16 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS IN POLICIES, PROGRAMS  
17 AND PROCEDURES AND FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WILL ENHANCE  
18 THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY IN THIS  
19 COMMONWEALTH.

20 SECTION 9. EXPENDITURES.

21 THE HARDWOODS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO  
22 SPEND ANY SUM OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS  
23 OF THIS ACT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESEARCH, MARKETING,  
24 FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF NONPROFIT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

26 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.

27 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.