

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OCTOBER 7, 2003

AN ACT

1 Requiring the Department of General Services to establish energy
2 profiles for certain State buildings AND TO REPORT TO THE <—
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND REQUIRING THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
4 UTILITY COMMISSION TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) IN THIS TIME OF RISING NATURAL GAS PRICES, THE
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT INTEND TO INCREASE IN ANY MANNER
8 THE BILLS OF NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

9 (2) IT IS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION TO PROPERLY
10 RESPOND TO THE POTENTIAL UPCOMING CRISIS CAUSED BY RISING
11 NATURAL GAS PRICES.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Short title.

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Energy
16 Profile for State Buildings Act.

17 Section 2. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
2 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Department." The Department of General Services of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 "Energy profile." A document, as described in section 3,
7 showing the types and rates of energy consumed and the amount of
8 dollars expended for energy consumption in a State building.

9 "State building." A structure occupied by an executive
10 agency as defined in 62 Pa.C.S. § 103 (relating to definitions).
11 Section 3. Energy profiles for State buildings.

12 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish an energy
13 profile for each State building.

14 (b) Content.--The energy profile established in subsection
15 (a) shall include, but not be limited to, the following
16 information for the State building:

17 (1) The source of electric generation, including the
18 type of generation.

19 (2) The source of heating fuel, including the type of
20 fuel.

21 (3) The size of the building as measured in square feet.

22 (4) The total expenditures per month for electricity and
23 heating fuel.

24 (5) The total amount of British thermal units per month.

25 (6) The total amount of Btu's per month per square foot.

26 (7) The total expenditures per month per square foot.

27 Information shall be reported for the current month and the
28 preceding six months and shall clearly indicate the additional
29 utility costs or the cost savings from the immediate past month
30 to the current month as well as any cumulative costs or cost

1 savings for the fiscal year.

2 (c) Posting.--The department shall post the energy profile
3 for a State building in a location accessible to the general
4 public during normal business hours and shall post the energy
5 profile for the State building on the department's World Wide
6 Web site.

7 (d) Public record.--An energy profile shall be deemed a
8 public record and subject to the provisions of the act of June
9 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know
10 Law.

11 (e) Review and regulations.--The department shall annually
12 review the provisions of this act to determine if additional
13 information shall be required to be included on each profile.
14 The department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and
15 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

16 ~~Section 4. Effective date.~~ <—

17 ~~This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.~~

18 SECTION 4. REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. <—

19 USING THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IN SECTION 3, THE DEPARTMENT
20 SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TYPE, TOTAL COST AND
21 AMOUNT AND AVERAGE COST OF ENERGY USED IN STATE BUILDINGS AND
22 SHALL PROVIDE THIS REPORT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE REPORT MAY
23 CONTAIN THE STATEWIDE INFORMATION FOR PREVIOUS YEARS IF THE DATA
24 IS ALREADY AVAILABLE.

25 SECTION 5. REPORT FROM PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

26 THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO
27 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 30, 2003, ON THE POTENTIAL
28 PROBLEMS CAUSED BY RISING NATURAL GAS PRICES. THIS REPORT SHALL
29 INCLUDE CURRENT STATISTICS ON NATURAL GAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE
30 PROGRAMS, STATISTICS ON CUSTOMER AVERAGE BILLS, DELINQUENCIES,

1 TERMINATIONS AND THE NUMBER OF NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS AT RISK FOR
2 UTILITY TERMINATIONS BEFORE THE START OF ANY WINTER MORATORIUM.
3 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
4 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.