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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public  
2 Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in  
3 Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, further  
4 providing for definitions and for specific powers and duties.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6102 of Title 64 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
9 § 6102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Broadband." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 3012 (relating to  
15 definitions).

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17 Section 2. Section 6122 of Title 64 is amended by adding a  
18 subsection to read:

19 § 6122. Specific powers and duties.

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2 (h) Authorization of contracts.--In accordance with the  
3 broadband plan established under subsection (g), and in  
4 cooperation with Commonwealth agencies under subsection (c), the  
5 department, through the authority, shall, in collaboration with  
6 the Department of General Services, authorize contracts to  
7 advance broadband buildout and facilitate broadband services  
8 utilizing Commonwealth real estate or telecommunications or  
9 similar infrastructure assets. No other Commonwealth agency  
10 shall enter into a contract to provide, facilitate or permit  
11 third parties to provide broadband services of any kind with  
12 Commonwealth assets or impair, frustrate or preclude the  
13 department or the Department of General Services from  
14 facilitating and authorizing contracts to advance broadband  
15 buildout and services utilizing Commonwealth assets.

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