

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TIGUE, SOLOBAY AND BENNINGHOFF, JANUARY 20, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 2, 1945 (P.L.382, No.164), entitled "An
2 act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and
3 politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties and
4 townships; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such
5 Authorities heretofore or hereafter incorporated; authorizing
6 such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and
7 operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds
8 therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and
9 prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the
10 right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such
11 Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants
12 from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and
13 conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over
14 rates," further providing for powers of an authority.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Subsection B of section 4 of the act of May 2,
18 1945 (P.L.382, No.164), known as the Municipality Authorities
19 Act of 1945, is amended by adding a clause to read:

20 Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.--* * *

21 B. Every Authority is hereby granted, and shall have and may
22 exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out
23 of the aforesaid purposes, including but without limiting the

generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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(h.3) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, no Authority that provides water service shall have the power to impose a standby charge on owners of residential, commercial or industrial structures equipped with automatic fire protection systems.

(2) This clause shall not prevent an Authority from charging for the actual cost of a water main connection required for installation of an automatic fire protection system.

(3) The term "standby charge," as used in this clause, shall mean an amount however styled, in addition to the regular rate, assessed against the owner of a structure for the reason that the structure is equipped with an automatic fire protection system.

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