
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DUSH, MAHONEY, MILLARD, RAPP, THOMAS, WARD AND
WHEELAND, JUNE 1, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 1, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further
3 providing for purposes and powers of authorities.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5607(d)(10) and (11) of Title 53 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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10 (d) Powers.--Every authority may exercise all powers
11 necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the purposes set
12 forth in this section, including, but without limiting the
13 generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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15 (10) In the case of an authority which has agreed to
16 provide water service through a separate meter and separate
17 service line to a residential dwelling unit in which the
18 owner does not reside, to impose and enforce the [owner's]

1 duty of the tenant to pay a [tenant's] bill for service
2 rendered to the tenant by the authority [only if the]. The
3 authority [notifies] shall notify the owner and the tenant
4 within 30 days after the bill first becomes overdue.
5 Notification shall be provided by first class mail to the
6 address of the owner provided to the authority by the owner
7 and to the billing address of the tenant, respectively.
8 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require an
9 authority to terminate service to a tenant, and the owner
10 shall not be liable for any service which the authority
11 provides to the tenant [90 or more days after the tenant's
12 bill first becomes due unless the authority has been
13 prevented by court order from terminating service to that
14 tenant].

15 (11) In the case of an authority which has agreed to
16 provide sewer service to a residential dwelling unit in which
17 the owner does not reside, to impose and enforce the
18 [owner's] tenant's duty to pay a [tenant's] bill for service
19 rendered by the authority to the tenant. The authority shall
20 notify the owner and the tenant within 30 days after the
21 tenant's bill for that service first becomes overdue.
22 Notification shall be provided by first class mail to the
23 address of the owner provided to the authority by the owner
24 and to the billing address of the tenant, respectively.
25 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to [relieve the
26 owner of liability for such service unless the authority
27 fails to provide the notice required in this paragraph]
28 impose responsibility and liability on the owner of the
29 property where the tenant has contracted for service.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.