

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2333 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CIMINI AND GRIECO, MAY 3, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MAY 3, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633, No.493), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing and regulating State assistance
3 for housing and redevelopment, including comprehensive
4 programs for the development of entire sections or
5 neighborhoods; and making an appropriation," further
6 providing for grant authorizations.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 4, act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633,
10 No.493), known as the "Housing and Redevelopment Assistance
11 Law," reenacted and amended April 12, 1956 (P.L.1449, No.477),
12 and December 16, 1968 (P.L.1219, No.385), is amended to read:

13 Section 4. Grant Authorization.--The department is hereby
14 authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided, (a) to
15 make capital grants in the furtherance of housing development
16 and to assist the construction and operating of housing projects
17 through the payment of such grants by contracting with
18 governmental agencies or authorities such as housing authorities
19 and urban redevelopment authorities, or with limited dividend
20 housing corporations, insurance companies, or any other private,

1 public or semi-public agencies, firms or corporations providing
2 adequate surety, acceptable to the department, guaranteeing
3 continuity of operation throughout the term of its contract, and
4 (b) to make capital grants to redevelopment authorities in the
5 furtherance of redevelopment, and (c) to make capital grants to
6 municipalities or to redevelopment authorities for the
7 prevention and elimination of blight, and (d) to make capital
8 grants to governmental agencies or authorities or nonprofit
9 corporations for the purpose of providing funds, which would be
10 otherwise unavailable to initiate, apply for, administer, and
11 execute lower income housing projects financed under any
12 [Federal] State or local lower income housing program, said
13 housing projects to be built and operated in accordance with
14 [Federal] applicable State or local law and regulations,
15 including income limitations, and said housing projects shall
16 not be bound by the conditions attached to housing projects
17 pursuant to [section 4] clause (a), and said grant shall not
18 exceed ten per cent of the total cost of a proposed project, and
19 (e) to make capital grants to governmental agencies or
20 authorities, or nonprofit corporations for the purpose of
21 acquiring [single family] dwelling units which are in a state of
22 disrepair, and to rehabilitate said dwelling units and to sell
23 these dwelling units to persons or families whose income is not
24 higher than the [highest annual income level in the lower or
25 middle third of nonfarm family incomes, and whose financial
26 resources would be insufficient to purchase said dwelling unit
27 after rehabilitation without the assistance provided by this
28 act, purchaser's income to be considered insufficient in cases
29 where more than twenty per cent of said income would be required
30 for debt service to liquidate the mortgage; the resale price for

1 the rehabilitated dwelling unit shall not be less than the cost
2 of initial acquisition, nor more than the cost of acquisition
3 and rehabilitation;] limits set by applicable State or local
4 housing programs for lower income families; programs under this
5 [subsection 4] clause (e) shall not be bound by the conditions
6 attached to housing projects produced under [subsection 4]
7 clauses (a), and (f) to cooperate with and make exchanges of the
8 use of personnel, or funds with other departments, agencies, or
9 instrumentalities of the Commonwealth in the execution of
10 housing functions delegated to said departments, agencies, or
11 instrumentalities by the General Assembly.

12 There shall be no discrimination against any person because
13 of race, color, religion or national origin in the rental or
14 occupancy of any housing constructed under the provisions of
15 this act.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.