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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1139** Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, APRIL 27, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 27, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "municipality"  
3 in relation to municipal police jurisdiction.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8951 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8951. Definitions.

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

12 "Chief law enforcement officer." The head of a duly  
13 constituted municipal law enforcement agency which regularly  
14 provides primary police services to a political subdivision or,  
15 in the absence of any such municipal law enforcement agency, the  
16 commanding officer of the Pennsylvania State Police installation  
17 which regularly provides primary police services to the  
18 political subdivision.

1       "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,  
2 township or home rule municipality.

3       "Municipal police officer." Any natural person who is  
4 properly employed by a municipality, including a home rule  
5 municipality, as a regular full-time or part-time police  
6 officer.

7       "Primary jurisdiction." The geographical area within the  
8 territorial limits of a municipality or any lawful combination  
9 of municipalities which employs a municipal police officer.

10       "Training law." The act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120),  
11 referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law.

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