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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for administrative  
3 services and for assessments in business improvement  
4 districts.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 5404 and 5406(a) and (f) of Title 53 of  
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added December 19, 1996  
9 (P.L. , No.177), are amended to read:

10 § 5404. Administrative services [provided by cities of the  
11 second class].

12 In addition to the powers of the governing body established  
13 in section 5403 (relating to powers of governing body), [cities  
14 of the second class] the governing body of every municipal  
15 corporation shall have the power to provide administrative  
16 services, that is, those services which improve the ability of  
17 the commercial establishments of the district to serve the  
18 consumer, including, but not limited to, free or reduced fee

1 parking for customers, transportation repayments, public  
2 relations programs, group advertising, and district maintenance  
3 and security services.

4 § 5406. Method and payment of assessment.

5 (a) Method.--The total cost of the administrative services  
6 or improvements in the district shall be assessed to all of the  
7 benefited properties in the district by one of the following  
8 methods:

9 (1) By an assessment determined by multiplying the total  
10 service and improvement cost by the ratio of the assessed  
11 value of the benefited property to the total assessed  
12 valuation of all benefited properties in the district.

13 (2) By an assessment upon the several properties in the  
14 district in proportion to benefits as ascertained by viewers  
15 appointed in accordance with law.

16 (3) In the case of improvements by an assessment upon  
17 the several properties in the district abutting the  
18 improvements or benefiting from the services, or, where more  
19 than one type of improvement or service is involved,  
20 designated types, by the front-foot method, with equitable  
21 adjustments for corner properties and other cases provided  
22 for in the assessment ordinance. Any property which cannot be  
23 equitably assessed by the front-foot method may be assessed  
24 by the method provided in paragraph (2).

25 (4) By an assessment based on gross sales or gross  
26 profits or net profits.

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28 [(f) Construction of chapter.--Any reference in this chapter  
29 to services shall mean only those services provided by a city of  
30 the second class.]

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