

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2687 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY KENNEY, JUNE 28, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 28, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1975 (P.L.606, No.175),
2 entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Department of
3 General Services, or such department and The General State
4 Authority, to convey to Philadelphia or transfer jurisdiction
5 within the State government of certain tracts of Commonwealth
6 real property acquired under the act of September 29, 1938
7 (Sp. Sess., P.L.53, No.21), entitled, as amended, 'An act
8 relating to institutions of counties, cities, wards,
9 boroughs, townships, institution districts and other
10 political subdivisions, for the care, maintenance, and
11 treatment of mental patients; providing for the transfer to
12 the Commonwealth for the care, maintenance and treatment of
13 mental patients of such institutions, and all grounds, lands,
14 buildings and personal property of such political
15 subdivisions used for the care and maintenance of indigent
16 persons connected with such mental institutions; providing
17 for the management and operation or closing and abandonment
18 thereof; and the maintenance of mental patients therein;
19 including the collection of maintenance in certain cases;
20 providing for the retransfer of certain property to counties,
21 cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution districts and
22 other political subdivisions under certain circumstances;
23 conferring and imposing upon the Governor, the Department of
24 Welfare, the courts of common pleas and counties, cities,
25 wards, boroughs, townships, institution districts and other
26 political subdivisions certain powers and duties; prohibiting
27 cities, counties, wards, boroughs, townships, institution
28 districts and other political subdivisions from maintaining
29 and operating institutions, in whole or in part, for the care
30 and treatment of mental patients; and repealing inconsistent
31 laws,' imposing powers and duties on the Department of
32 Environmental Resources in connection with one such tract,
33 and providing for use of land conveyed to the City of

1 Philadelphia," providing for certain tracts not subject to
2 local zoning and land use laws.

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

5 Section 1. The act of December 22, 1975 (P.L.606, No.175),
6 entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Department of
7 General Services, or such department and The General State
8 Authority, to convey to Philadelphia or transfer jurisdiction
9 within the State government of certain tracts of Commonwealth
10 real property acquired under the act of September 29, 1938 (Sp.
11 Sess., P.L.53, No.21), entitled, as amended, 'An act relating to
12 institutions of counties, cities, wards, boroughs, townships,
13 institution districts and other political subdivisions, for the
14 care, maintenance, and treatment of mental patients; providing
15 for the transfer to the Commonwealth for the care, maintenance
16 and treatment of mental patients of such institutions, and all
17 grounds, lands, buildings and personal property of such
18 political subdivisions used for the care and maintenance of
19 indigent persons connected with such mental institutions;
20 providing for the management and operation or closing and
21 abandonment thereof; and the maintenance of mental patients
22 therein; including the collection of maintenance in certain
23 cases; providing for the retransfer of certain property to
24 counties, cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution
25 districts and other political subdivisions under certain
26 circumstances; conferring and imposing upon the Governor, the
27 Department of Welfare, the courts of common pleas and counties,
28 cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution districts and
29 other political subdivisions certain powers and duties;
30 prohibiting cities, counties, wards, boroughs, townships,

1 institution districts and other political subdivisions from
2 maintaining and operating institutions, in whole or in part, for
3 the care and treatment of mental patients; and repealing
4 inconsistent laws,' imposing powers and duties on the Department
5 of Environmental Resources in connection with one such tract,
6 and providing for use of land conveyed to the City of
7 Philadelphia," is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 6.1. The parcels of land known as Tract A and Tract
9 B shall not be subject to any ordinance, resolution, rule or
10 regulation of the City of Philadelphia relating to zoning or
11 land use.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.