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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 9

Session of  
2009

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 3, 2009

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), entitled "An  
2 act establishing the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps; and  
3 making an appropriation," further providing for supervisors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561,  
7 No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act,  
8 amended June 25, 1997 (P.L.339, No.38), is amended to read:

9 Section 8. Supervisors.

10 (a) Funding.--Funds available for this program may be  
11 expended to pay the wages of crewleaders who shall supervise  
12 corpsmembers as prescribed by the department.

13 (b) Crewleader criteria.--Persons eligible to be hired as  
14 crewleaders by the department shall be men and women who are:

15 (1) Domiciled in the Commonwealth for at least six  
16 months prior to employment in the programs.

17 (2) Registered with the local Job Center for employment.

18 (3) Physically and mentally capable of performing labor  
19 intensive work and supervisory duties.

1 (4) Not attending a postsecondary institution full time  
2 and who provide assurance that they did not leave school for  
3 the purpose of employment as a supervisor in the program.

4 (c) Term of employment.--A crewleader shall be employed by  
5 the department for a period of one year. At the option of the  
6 department, a crewleader who has successfully completed a one-  
7 year term of service may be extended for subsequent one-year  
8 terms.

9 (d) Hourly wage.--Crewleaders shall receive an hourly wage  
10 that exceeds the hourly wage of corpsmembers by a minimum of  
11 \$5.00.

12 (e) Benefits.--

13 (1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee  
14 benefits provided to existing employees of the department or  
15 of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid  
16 Commonwealth holidays [and workmen's], workers' compensation  
17 coverage, health and supplemental benefits equivalent to the  
18 benefits received by other full-time departmental employees,  
19 and beginning July 1, 2008, membership in the State  
20 Employees' Retirement System, which shall be provided through  
21 the funds appropriated to carry out this act.

22 (2) A crewleader who has served for one year shall be  
23 entitled to five paid vacation days and five days of paid  
24 sick leave during each subsequent year of service.

25 (f) Veterans' preference.--In the hiring of crewleaders,  
26 preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of  
27 the armed forces of the United States.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, or  
29 immediately, whichever is later.