

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 667 Session of 2017

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REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, MAY 4, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), entitled "An  
 2 act to promote elimination of blighted areas and supply  
 3 sanitary housing in areas throughout the Commonwealth; by  
 4 declaring acquisition, sound replanning and redevelopment of  
 5 such areas to be for the promotion of health, safety,  
 6 convenience and welfare; creating public bodies corporate and  
 7 politic to be known as Redevelopment Authorities; authorizing  
 8 them to engage in the elimination of blighted areas and to  
 9 plan and contract with private, corporate or governmental  
 10 redevelopers for their redevelopment; providing for the  
 11 organization of such authorities; defining and providing for  
 12 the exercise of their powers and duties, including the  
 13 acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain;  
 14 the leasing and selling of property, including borrowing  
 15 money, issuing bonds and other obligations, and giving  
 16 security therefor; restricting the interest of members and  
 17 employes of authorities; providing for notice and hearing;  
 18 supplying certain mandatory provisions to be inserted in  
 19 contracts with redevelopers; prescribing the remedies of  
 20 obligees of redevelopment authorities; conferring certain  
 21 duties upon local planning commissions, the governing bodies  
 22 of cities and counties, and on certain State officers, boards  
 23 and departments," further providing for powers of an  
 24 authority.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 9 of the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991,  
 28 No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, is amended by

1 adding subsections to read:

2 Section 9. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall  
3 constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising  
4 public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which  
5 powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to  
6 carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this  
7 act, including the following powers in addition to those herein  
8 otherwise granted:

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10 (cc) To accept the transfer of real property of the county  
11 held by the tax claim bureau, as trustee for the county, in a  
12 repository for unsold property under section 626 of the act of  
13 July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax  
14 Sale Law.

15 (dd) To accept donations of real property and extinguish  
16 delinquent claims for taxes as to the real property as specified  
17 under section 5.1 of the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153),  
18 referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, and section  
19 303 of the Real Estate Tax Sale Law. For the purposes of this  
20 subsection, an authority shall have all rights and obligations  
21 of a municipality under section 5.1 of the Municipal Claim and  
22 Tax Lien Law and a local taxing district under section 303 of  
23 the Real Estate Tax Sale Law.

24 (ee) To accept the remittance or dedication of a portion of  
25 real property taxes collected in accordance with the laws of  
26 this Commonwealth on real property conveyed by an authority if  
27 the remittance or dedication is authorized by the taxing  
28 jurisdiction. An authority shall allocate tax revenues collected  
29 under this subsection beginning in the first taxable year after  
30 the date of conveyance and for five taxable years thereafter.

1 The tax revenue allocated under this subsection may not exceed a  
2 maximum of 50% of the aggregate property tax revenues generated  
3 by the real property. The remittance or dedication of real  
4 property taxes shall include the real property taxes of a school  
5 district if the school district enters into an agreement with  
6 the authority for the remittance or dedication.

7 Section 2. All acts or parts of acts are repealed insofar as  
8 they are inconsistent with the addition of section 9(cc), (dd)  
9 and (ee) of the act.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.