

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1550

Sponsor: SENATOR ALLOWAY

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after

2 "DEFINITIONS;"

3 establishing the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement
4 Commission;

5 Amend Bill, page 122, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

6 Section 1. The General Assembly finds and declares as
7 follows:

8 (1) The successful operation and enhancement of the active,
9 reserve and the National Guard components of our nation's
10 military are essential to the well-being and safety of our
11 nation and to the citizens of this Commonwealth.

12 (2) The United States military installations, organizations
13 and defense-related regions comprised of military bases and
14 supporting private sector enterprises located in this
15 Commonwealth are of vital importance to the efficient and
16 effective operation of the various branches of the military and
17 are a significant contributor to the Commonwealth's economy.

18 (3) There is a need to have an integrated approach among
19 Federal, State and local agencies, the general public and
20 private businesses in the economic enhancement and preservation
21 of the military installations and organizations.

22 (4) The Commonwealth shall promote the health, safety,
23 employment, business opportunities, economic activity and
24 general welfare of our citizens by establishing, within the
25 Department of Community and Economic Development, a commission
26 to carry out these goals.

27 Amend Bill, page 122, line 27, by striking out "1" and
28 inserting

29 1.1

30 Amend Bill, page 123, by inserting between lines 19 and 20

31 Section 1.2. Title 12 is amended by adding a chapter to
32 read:

33 CHAPTER 4

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION

Sec.

401. Definitions.

402. Establishment and membership.

403. Powers and duties.

404. Administrative assistance.

405. Report.

§ 401. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Commission." The Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission established under this chapter.

§ 402. Establishment and membership.

(a) Establishment.--The commission is hereby established within the department.

(b) Membership.--The commission shall be comprised of not more than 17 members as follows:

(1) The Lieutenant Governor.

(2) A member appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(3) A member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(4) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) A member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(6) Up to 12 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(i) One member shall have experience at the senior level of the military, such as an active duty retired three-star or four-star military officer, and shall be familiar with the operations represented by the installations and organizations stationed in this Commonwealth. The member shall serve as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson elected by a majority of the members.

(ii) At least ten members shall be representatives of the military installations or organizations stationed in this Commonwealth and shall have knowledge of the mission and operations of the installation or organization that they represent.

(iii) One member shall be an expert in the field of economic development and shall be knowledgeable in the missions and operations of the military in their respective regions of this Commonwealth.

(c) Chairperson.--A chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the commission members.

(d) Executive director.--The Governor shall appoint an executive director who shall be an employee of the department.

(e) Membership terms.--

1 (1) Members shall be appointed for a term of two years
2 and serve until their respective successors are appointed. A
3 member may be reappointed for additional terms. Members
4 appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the
5 Governor.

6 (2) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, a successor
7 shall be appointed in the same manner as the predecessor.

8 (3) A member who is absent from two consecutive meetings
9 of the commission without a reasonable excuse, as determined
10 by the chairperson, shall forfeit membership on the
11 commission.

12 (4) Members shall not receive compensation for their
13 services, but shall receive reimbursement for their necessary
14 and proper expenses related to their duties on the
15 commission.

16 § 403. Powers and duties.

17 The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

18 (1) Advise on the expansion of economic development
19 opportunities and defense-related industry organizations in
20 public or private sectors in this Commonwealth.

21 (2) Establish a viable and long-term relationship with each
22 military installation, organization and defense-related
23 organization in this Commonwealth.

24 (3) Closely monitor the activities at the Federal level
25 relating to any initiative or proposal that will affect, either
26 positively or negatively, any military installation or
27 organization or defense-related organization in this
28 Commonwealth.

29 (4) Educate and engage stakeholders at the Federal, State
30 and local levels and in the public and private sectors on the
31 enhancement and preservation of the military installations and
32 organizations and defense-related organizations in this
33 Commonwealth.

34 (5) Advocate at the Federal, State and local levels for the
35 enhancement of the military installations and organizations and
36 defense-related organizations in this Commonwealth in order to
37 fully support our nation's military at home and abroad.

38 (6) Identify, in coordination with the department, sources
39 of funding for economic development projects, including projects
40 under this title, 64 Pa.C.S. (relating to public authorities and
41 quasi-public corporations) or projects under the act of February
42 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt
43 Enabling Act, related to military installations and defense-
44 related organizations and for the enhancement of military
45 installations or defense-related organizations in this
46 Commonwealth.

47 (7) Estimate an annual budget for the commission.

48 § 404. Administrative assistance.

49 The department shall provide appropriate administrative,
50 legal and technical support as needed by the commission in order
51 to accomplish its purpose.

1 § 405. Report.

2 The commission shall report its activities no less than
3 quarterly to the Governor or the Governor's designated
4 representative and annually to the General Assembly.

5 Amend Bill, page 123, line 20, by striking out "1.1" and
6 inserting

7 1.3

8 Amend Bill, page 172, by inserting between lines 23 and 24
9 (ii) The addition of 12 Pa.C.S. Ch. 4.

10 Amend Bill, page 172, line 24, by striking out "(II)" and
11 inserting

12 (iii)

13 Amend Bill, page 172, line 26, by striking out "(III)" and
14 inserting

15 (iv)

16 Amend Bill, page 172, line 28, by striking out "JULY" and
17 inserting

18 November