AN ACT

Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers; and, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, further providing for network modernization plans.

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

Section 1. Section 5607(a) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 5607. Purposes and powers.

(a) Scope of projects permitted.--Every authority incorporated under this chapter shall be a body corporate and politic and shall be for the purposes of financing working capital; acquiring, holding, constructing, financing, improving, maintaining and operating, owning or leasing, either in the capacity of lessor or lessee, projects of the following kind and character and providing financing for insurance reserves:

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(19) Publicly owned Internet network infrastructure planning, management and implementation as defined in the articles of incorporation by the governing body. Projects will connect premises to underserved areas as defined by the Federal Communications Commission.

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Section 2. Section 3014(h) introductory paragraph of Title 66 is amended to read:

§ 3014. Network modernization plans.

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(h) Prohibition against political subdivision advanced and broadband services deployment.—Except as provided in 53 Pa.C.S. § 5607(a)(19) (relating to purposes and powers):

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