

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,
15 including agreements with the United States, the
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"
23 further providing for reports.

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

26 Section 1. Section 24 of the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955,
27 No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, amended October
28 19, 1967 (P.L.461, No.218), is amended to read:

1 Section 24. Reports.--In addition to any other material
2 which an Authority must file with the Department of Community
3 [Affairs] and Economic Development according to the provisions
4 of this act, it shall file with said department--

5 (a) A copy of any rules, regulations or resolutions, and
6 amendments thereto, adopted by it from time to time.

7 (b) At least once each year, a report of its activities for
8 the preceding year, and such other reports as said department
9 may require.

10 An Authority must file with the governing body of the city or
11 county within the territorial limits of which the Authority
12 functions an annual report containing a statement of activities
13 and a complete operating and financial statement covering the
14 operations of the Authority during the previous year. Within
15 sixty (60) days following the submission of the report by an
16 Authority the governing body shall hold a public hearing on the
17 substance of the report and any matters pertaining to the
18 operation of the Authority.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.