
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY McNAUGHTON, CASORIO, SAYLOR, CLARK, GODSHALL,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purposes and
3 powers of municipal authorities.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5607(b)(3) of Title 53 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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10 (b) Limitations.--This section is subject to the following
11 limitations:

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13 (3) It is the intent of this chapter in specifying and
14 defining the authorized purposes and projects of an authority
15 to permit the authority to benefit the people of this
16 Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their
17 commerce, health, safety and prosperity while not
18 unnecessarily burdening or interfering with any municipality

1 [which has not incorporated or joined that authority].
2 Therefore, notwithstanding any other provisions of this
3 chapter, an authority shall not have as its purpose and shall
4 not undertake as a project solely for revenue-producing
5 purposes or solely for investment purposes the acquiring of
6 [buildings, facilities or tracts of land which in the case of
7 an authority incorporated or joined by a county or counties
8 are located either within or outside the boundaries of the
9 county or counties and in the case of all other authorities
10 are located outside the boundaries of the municipality or
11 municipalities that incorporated or joined the authority
12 unless either:

13 (i) the governing body of each municipality in which
14 the project will be undertaken has by resolution
15 evidenced its approval; or

16 (ii) in cases where the property acquired is not
17 subject to tax abatement, the authority covenants and
18 agrees with each municipality in which the authority will
19 acquire real property as part of the project either to
20 make annual payments in lieu of real estate taxes and
21 special assessments for amounts and time periods
22 specified in the agreement or to pay annually the amount
23 of real estate taxes and special assessments which would
24 be payable if the real property so acquired were fully
25 taxable and subject to special assessments.] any property
26 or project.

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