

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 288 Session of
2003

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WANSACZ, YOUNGBLOOD, CURRY, DONATUCCI AND RIEGER,
FEBRUARY 12, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
FEBRUARY 12, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for denial of
21 certificates, licenses and official documents.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 810.1. Denial of Certificates, Licenses and Official Documents.--(a) The Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs shall not issue any certificate, license, renewal or other official document of the various professional and occupational examining boards in the Department of State to a person who owns, or is the majority shareholder in a corporation that owns, any real property in this Commonwealth that has been determined to be in violation of applicable State or municipal housing, building, property maintenance or fire safety code requirements, for which the property owner has not taken substantial steps to bring the property into code compliance within six months following notification of the violation. This includes, but is not limited to, real property that is utilized in the housing choice voucher program for very low-income families, the elderly and the disabled under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 888, 42 U.S.C. § 1437(f)).

(b) All certificates, licenses, renewals or other official documents of the various professional and occupational boards shall be withheld until such time as the applicant obtains a letter from the appropriate State or municipal agency indicating the property in question is now in code compliance or that substantial steps have been taken to bring the property into code compliance.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "substantial steps" shall mean an affirmative action on the part of the property owner or managing agent, as determined by the municipality, to remedy code violations involving physical improvements or

1 preparations to the property.

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