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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
MARCH 4, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), entitled "An  
2 act establishing the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps; and  
3 making an appropriation," further providing for supervisors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561,  
7 No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act,  
8 amended June 25, 1997 (P.L.339, No.38), is amended to read:

9 Section 8. Supervisors.

10 (a) Funding.--Funds available for this program may be  
11 expended to pay the wages of crewleaders who shall supervise  
12 corpsmembers as prescribed by the department.

13 (b) Crewleader criteria.--Persons eligible to be hired as  
14 crewleaders by the department shall be men and women who are:

15 (1) Domiciled in the Commonwealth for at least six

1 months prior to employment in the programs.

2 (2) Registered with the local Job Center for employment.

3 (3) Physically and mentally capable of performing labor  
4 intensive work and supervisory duties.

5 (4) Not attending a postsecondary institution full time  
6 and who provide assurance that they did not leave school for  
7 the purpose of employment as a supervisor in the program.

8 (c) Term of employment.--A crewleader shall be employed by  
9 the department for a period of one year. At the option of the  
10 department, a crewleader who has successfully completed a one-  
11 year term of service may be extended for subsequent one-year  
12 terms.

13 (d) Hourly wage.--Crewleaders shall receive an hourly wage  
14 that exceeds the hourly wage of corpsmembers by a minimum of  
15 \$5.00.

16 (e) Benefits.--

17 (1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee  
18 benefits provided to existing employees of the department or  
19 of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid  
20 Commonwealth holidays [and], workmen's compensation coverage  
21 and health and dental benefits equivalent to the benefits  
22 received by other full-time departmental employees, which  
23 shall be provided through the funds appropriated to carry out  
24 this act.

25 (2) A crewleader who has served for one year shall be  
26 entitled to five paid vacation days and five days of paid  
27 sick leave during each subsequent year of service.

28 (3) Service as a crewleader, before or after the  
29 effective date of this paragraph, shall be considered as  
30 State service under 24 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to retirement

1 for school employees) and 71 Pa.C.S. Pt. XXV (relating to  
2 retirement for State employees and officers) for the purposes  
3 of calculating pension benefits in any future State  
4 employment.

5 (f) Veterans' preference.--In the hiring of crewleaders,  
6 preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of  
7 the armed forces of the United States.

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