

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 24, 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

months prior to employment in the programs.

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Benefits.--

(1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee benefits provided to existing employees of the department or of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid Commonwealth holidays [and], workmen's compensation coverage and, health and dental benefits equivalent to the benefits received by other full-time departmental employees, AND BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004, MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, which shall be provided through the funds appropriated to carry out this act.

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

~~(3) Service as a crewleader, before or after the effective date of this paragraph, shall be considered as~~

~~State service under 24 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to retirement for school employees) and 71 Pa.C.S. Pt. XXV (relating to retirement for State employees and officers) for the purposes of calculating pension benefits in any future State employment.~~

(3) SERVICE AS A CREWLEADER, BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, <—
SHALL BE CONSIDERED NONSCHOOL SERVICE UNDER 24 PA.C.S. § 8304
(RELATING TO CREDITABLE NONSCHOOL SERVICE) AND NONSTATE
SERVICE UNDER 71 PA.C.S. § 5304 (RELATING TO CREDITABLE
NONSTATE SERVICE).

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

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