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WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 22, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 22, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Municipal Authority  
3 Ombudsman in the Department of Community and Economic  
4 Development.

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

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5623. Municipal Authority Ombudsman.

10 (a) Establishment.--A Municipal Authority Ombudsman is  
11 established within the Center for Local Government of the  
12 Department of Community and Economic Development. The ombudsman  
13 shall assist citizens who have complaints against municipal  
14 authorities by:

15 (1) Taking the complaints.

16 (2) Referring investigation of the complaints to the  
17 appropriate responsible parties.

18 (3) Explaining relevant law and the options available to

1     the citizens for resolving the complaints.

2     (b) Eligibility.--The Municipal Authority Ombudsman must be  
3     a person who is an employee of the Commonwealth.

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