

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 20, 2003

AN ACT

1 Providing for funding for an education and training program for
2 municipal inspectors ~~and for certain repairs to residential~~ <—
3 ~~structures~~; and making repeals.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Municipal
8 Inspector Education and Training Program Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
14 Development of the Commonwealth.

15 ~~"Minor repair." A nonstructural repair that costs \$1,000 or~~ <—
16 ~~less or as otherwise defined by ordinance of a municipality~~
17 ~~which has elected to enforce the act of November 10, 1999~~

1 ~~(P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code~~
2 ~~Act, pursuant to Chapter 5 of that act.~~

3 "Pennsylvania Construction Code Act." The act of November
4 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania
5 Construction Code Act.

6 Section 3. Education and training fee.

7 (a) Fee.--Municipalities administering and enforcing the
8 Uniform Construction Code under section 501(a) of the
9 Pennsylvania Construction Code Act and third party agencies
10 providing services under section 501(e) of the Pennsylvania
11 Construction Code Act shall assess a fee of \$2 on each
12 construction or building permit issued under the authority of
13 the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act. This fee shall be in
14 addition to any other fee imposed for the permit.

15 (b) Education and training programs.--The money collected as
16 authorized under subsection (a) shall be transmitted quarterly
17 to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services in the
18 department and ~~placed in a restricted account~~ DEPOSITED IN A <—
19 NONLAPSING RESTRICTED ACCOUNT WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE
20 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR TRAINING FUND to support the Pennsylvania
21 Construction Codes Academy for education and training programs
22 for municipal inspectors.

23 ~~Section 4. Minor repairs.~~ <—

24 ~~A minor repair to a residential structure shall be exempt~~
25 ~~from the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act~~
26 ~~and shall not require a permit from a municipality or a third-~~
27 ~~party agency.~~

28 Section 5 4. Repeals. <—

29 (a) Absolute.--As much as reads "which provisions shall
30 continue in effect until December 31, 2003," in section

1 301(a)(6) of the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45),
2 known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, is repealed.

3 (b) Inconsistent.--The act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,
4 No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, is
5 repealed insofar as it is inconsistent with this act.

6 Section 6 5. Effective date.

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7 This act shall take effect 90 days following publication of
8 notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin that the regulations
9 implementing the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act have been
10 finally adopted.