## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1987 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY ROHRER, BOBACK, BOYD, CARROLL, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, HARPER, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, LONGIETTI, MELIO, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, PEIFER, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROCK, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), entitled "An
- act authorizing the creation of agricultural areas," further
- providing for definitions; and abrogating a regulation.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128,
- 7 No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, is amended
- 8 by adding a definition to read:
- 9 Section 3. 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 \* \* \*
- 14 "Continuous acreage." All portions of one operational unit
- 15 <u>as described in the deed, whether or not the portions are</u>

- 1 <u>divided by streams</u>, <u>public roads</u>, <u>bridges or railroads and</u>
- 2 whether or not described as multiple tax parcels, tracts,
- 3 purparts or other property identifiers. The term includes
- 4 supportive lands, such as unpaved field access roads, drainage
- 5 areas, border strips, hedgerows, submerged lands, marshes, ponds
- 6 <u>and streams.</u>
- 7 \* \* \*
- 8 Section 2. The definition of "continuous acreage" in 7 Pa.
- 9 Code § 138e.3 (relating to definitions) is abrogated.
- 10 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.