

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JULY 20, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,
15 including agreements with the United States, the
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"
23 further providing for powers of an authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 10(ee) of the act of May 28, 1937
27 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, added
28 October 4, 1978 (P.L.1008, No.215), is amended to read:

1 Section 10. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall
2 constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising
3 public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which
4 powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to
5 carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of this act,
6 including the following powers, in addition to others herein
7 granted:

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9 (ee) In a county of the second class and city of the second
10 class, to appoint police officers who shall [have the same
11 rights, powers and duties as other peace officers in the
12 Commonwealth] exercise the same powers that may be exercised
13 under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the
14 municipalities wherein the Authority is located, including, but
15 not limited to, those powers conferred pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.
16 Ch. 89 Subch. D (relating to municipal police jurisdiction) with
17 respect to the property and enforcing order on and adjacent to
18 the grounds and buildings of the Authority: Provided, That said
19 police officers complete the same course of instruction as is
20 required for municipal police officers by [the act of June 18,
21 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police
22 Education and Training Law] 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating
23 to municipal police education and training), and receive
24 certification by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
25 Training Commission as having completed the instruction. Said
26 police officers shall maintain the certification as a condition
27 of employment as police officers for the Authority.

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