
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, SCHLOSSBERG, MURT, McNEILL,
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DAVIS, BULLOCK, KORTZ AND THOMAS, OCTOBER 14, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 14, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in land banks, further
3 providing for legislative findings and purpose, for powers
4 and for disposition of property.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 2102 and 2107 of Title 68 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
9 paragraphs to read:

10 § 2102. Legislative findings and purpose.

11 The General Assembly finds and declares that:

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13 (6) Land banks, if used effectively, can be a powerful
14 tool in the fight against homelessness. Using land banks to
15 transform vacant, abandoned or tax-delinquent properties into
16 housing facilities for homeless individuals provides tangible
17 benefits to municipalities, including the restoration of
18 blighted property and the ability to provide necessary

1 resources to one of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable
2 populations.

3 § 2107. Powers.

4 A land bank constitutes a public body, corporate and politic,
5 exercising public powers of the Commonwealth necessary or
6 appropriate to carry out this chapter, including the following
7 powers:

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9 (16.1) To enter into partnerships, joint ventures and
10 other collaborative relationships with other entities,
11 including private developers, for the conversion of vacant,
12 abandoned, tax-delinquent or otherwise blighted property into
13 housing facilities for homeless individuals.

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15 Section 2. Section 2110(e)(1) of Title 68 is amended to
16 read:

17 § 2110. Disposition of property.

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19 (e) Ranking of priorities.--

20 (1) A land bank jurisdiction may establish a
21 hierarchical ranking of priorities for the use of real
22 property conveyed by a land bank, including use for:

23 (i) Purely public spaces and places.

24 (ii) Housing for homeless individuals.

25 [(ii)] (iii) Affordable housing.

26 [(iii)] (iv) Retail, commercial and industrial
27 activities.

28 [(iv)] (v) Conservation areas.

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.