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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, KORTZ, SHUSTERMAN, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD,  
ULLMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, PICKETT, STRUZZI, HERSHEY, CALTAGIRONE,  
MATZIE, GALLOWAY AND GOODMAN, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public  
2 Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in  
3 municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and  
4 powers; and, in alternative form of regulation of  
5 telecommunications services, further providing for network  
6 modernization plans.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 5607(a) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania  
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
11 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

12 (a) Scope of projects permitted.--Every authority  
13 incorporated under this chapter shall be a body corporate and  
14 politic and shall be for the purposes of financing working  
15 capital; acquiring, holding, constructing, financing, improving,  
16 maintaining and operating, owning or leasing, either in the  
17 capacity of lessor or lessee, projects of the following kind and  
18 character and providing financing for insurance reserves:

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1           (19) Publicly owned Internet network infrastructure  
2 planning, management and implementation as defined in the  
3 articles of incorporation by the governing body. Projects  
4 will connect premises to underserved areas as defined by the  
5 Federal Communications Commission.

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7           Section 2. Section 3014(h) introductory paragraph of Title  
8 66 is amended to read:

9           § 3014. Network modernization plans.

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11          (h) Prohibition against political subdivision advanced and  
12 broadband services deployment.--Except as provided in 53 Pa.C.S.  
13 § 5607(a)(19) (relating to purposes and powers):

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