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SENATOR PHILLIPS-HILL, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of
22 General Services and its departmental administrative and
23 advisory boards and commissions, further providing for
24 grounds, buildings and monuments in general and providing for
25 ~~sale~~ TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY of Lieutenant Governor's Mansion; <--
26 and making a related repeal.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

28 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 2402(a) and (o) of the act of April 9,
2 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
3 1929, are amended to read:

4 Section 2402. Grounds, Buildings and Monuments in General.--
5 The Department of General Services shall have the power, and its
6 duty shall be:

7 (a) Subject to the powers by this act vested in the Board of
8 Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings, to control and
9 supervise the State Capitol Building, and the public grounds and
10 buildings connected with the State Capitol, including the State
11 Arsenal, any building or buildings that may have been devised or
12 may hereafter be devised to the Commonwealth within the City of
13 Harrisburg, the Northwest Office Building now occupied by the
14 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, the Pittsburgh State Office
15 Building, the Philadelphia State Office Building[,] and the
16 Executive Mansion [~~and the Mansion of the Lieutenant Governor~~],
17 and to make, or supervise the making, of all repairs,
18 alterations, and improvements, in and about such grounds and
19 buildings, including the furnishing and refurnishing of the
20 same, and also to have general supervision over repairs,
21 alterations, and improvements to all other buildings, lands, and
22 property of the State, except as in this act otherwise provided:

23 * * *

24 [~~(o) To maintain, for the use of the Lieutenant Governor,~~
25 ~~the Mansion located on the Edward Martin Military Reservation.]~~

26 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

27 Section 2402.3. ~~See~~ TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY of Lieutenant <--
28 Governor's Mansion.--(a) Within 12 months of the effective date
29 of this section, the Department of General Services is hereby
30 authorized and directed on behalf of the Commonwealth of <--

1 ~~Pennsylvania to sell and convey TO TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY OF the~~ <--
2 ~~official residence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant~~
3 ~~Governor's Mansion located at Fort Indiantown Gap, for fair~~ <--
4 ~~consideration based on a fair market value as determined by an~~
5 ~~independent appraisal.~~

6 ~~(b) The sale shall be made under and subject to all lawful~~
7 ~~and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others,~~
8 ~~including, but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of~~
9 ~~any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, gas or pipeline~~
10 ~~companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and~~
11 ~~enforceable estates or tenancies vested in third persons~~
12 ~~appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements~~
13 ~~erected thereon.~~

14 ~~(c) The proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in the~~
15 ~~Veterans' Trust Fund to provide assistance to Pennsylvania~~
16 ~~veterans in need of shelter.~~

17 ~~(d) The deed of sale shall be approved as provided by law~~
18 ~~and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in~~
19 ~~the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.~~

20 ~~(e) All other costs and fees, including, but not limited to,~~
21 ~~appraisal fees, title insurance and surveys incidental to this~~
22 ~~conveyance shall be borne by the purchaser.~~

23 ~~(f) The Department of General Services shall maintain the~~
24 ~~Lieutenant Governor's Mansion prior to the sale of the property~~
25 ~~under this section, including making or supervising the making~~
26 ~~of all necessary repairs, alterations and improvements in and~~
27 ~~about the grounds of the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion. THROUGH~~ <--
28 ~~A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY~~
29 ~~AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.~~

1 (B) THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MANSION, UPON TRANSFER OF THE
2 PROPERTY UNDER THIS SECTION, SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF
3 SUPPORTING PENNSYLVANIA'S VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING THE
4 NATIONAL GUARD TO INCLUDE CURRENT AND SURVIVOR FAMILIES.

5 (C) THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL MAINTAIN THE
6 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MANSION PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY
7 OVER THE PROPERTY UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING MAKING OR
8 SUPERVISING THE MAKING OF ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS AND
9 IMPROVEMENTS IN AND ABOUT THE GROUNDS OF THE LIEUTENANT
10 GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

11 Section 3. Repeals are as follows:

12 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
13 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the amendment or
14 addition of sections 2402(a) and (o) and 2402.3 of the act.

15 (2) The act of December 19, 1986 (P.L.1743, No.212),
16 entitled "An act prohibiting the use of certain buildings for
17 political fundraising events; and providing a penalty," is
18 repealed insofar as it is inconsistent with the amendment or
19 addition of sections 2402(a) and (o) and 2402.3 of the act.

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 30 days.