AN ACT

1 Establishing the Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force; and
2 providing for duties of task force.
3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:
5 Section 1. Short title.
6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Philadelphia
7 LNG Export Task Force Act.
8 Section 2. Findings and declarations.
9 The General Assembly finds and declares that due to Russia's
10 invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, it is essential for
11 this Commonwealth to have the means to export liquefied natural
12 gas to other countries to reduce their reliance on Russian
13 energy.
14 Section 3. Definitions.
15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
context clearly indicates otherwise:
"LNG." Liquefied natural gas.

Section 4. Establishment of task force.
The Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force is established for the purposes specified under this act.

Section 5. Composition and meetings of task force.
(a) Composition.--The task force shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a designee, who shall be an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

(2) The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or a designee, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

(3) THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR A DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(4) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OR A DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.


(6) Four members of the General Assembly, who shall be appointed no later than 21 days after the effective date.
of this section, as follows:

(i) One member shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(ii) One member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(iii) One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(iv) One member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(7) THE MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA OR A DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA.

(4) Three (8) TWO representatives of the oil and gas or LNG industries, who shall be employees of a company that deals with oil and gas or LNG in this Commonwealth or a trade organization for oil and gas or LNG in this Commonwealth. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least four individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the three members under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(5) One representative of the Port of Philadelphia. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least three individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the member under this paragraph from the list.
within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(9) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY OR A DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY.

(10) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS OR A DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS.

(6) (11) One representative of the Philadelphia Building Trades. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least three individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the member under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(b) Chairperson.--The member under subsection (a)(3)(iii) shall act as chairperson of the task force until a chairperson is selected by a majority vote of the task force at the first meeting of the task force. The member under subsection (a)(3)(iii) (A)(6)(III) shall set the date and time of the first meeting of the task force.

(c) Alternates.--Each member of the task force may designate an alternate to attend meetings of the task force, participate in votes of the task force or engage in other task force actions on each member's behalf.

(d) Appointments.--If the Governor fails to timely appoint a member under subsection (a)(4), (5) or (6) (A)(8) OR (10), the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the appointment.

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Quorum.--The presence of five members of the task force at a meeting shall constitute a quorum of the task force.

Majority vote.--An action of the task force shall be authorized or ratified by a majority vote of the task force. The members under subsection (a)(1) and, (2), (3), (4) AND (5) shall be nonvoting members of the task force and the presence of the members at a meeting of the task force shall not count toward the quorum under subsection (e).

Meetings.--The task force shall commence at least three meetings within one year after the effective date of this section. The task force shall commence its first meeting within 75 days after the effective date of this section. The chairperson of the task force may commence additional meetings as the chairperson deems necessary. A member of the task force who is not physically present at a meeting of the task force may participate in the meeting by teleconference or video conference.

Compensation.--Members of the task force shall not receive compensation for their services as members of the task force.

Section 6. Duties of task force.

The task force shall have the following duties:

(1) Identify and examine the existing obstacles preventing the Port of Philadelphia from becoming an LNG export terminal, ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY, ECONOMIC IMPACT AND THE SECURITY NECESSITIES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH MAKING THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA AN LNG EXPORT TERMINAL.

(2) Identify industry partners who are able to assist in making the Port of Philadelphia an LNG export terminal.

(3) Develop a plan of action RECOMMENDATIONS for making
the Port of Philadelphia an LNG export terminal.

(4) Hold public meetings to effectuate the task force's duties under this section.

(5) Issue a report in accordance with section 7.

Section 7. Report.

(a) Submission.--No later than one year after the effective date of this section, the task force shall prepare and submit a final report on the task force's activities, findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) Adoption of report.--The task force shall adopt the final report under subsection (a) at a public meeting. ANY MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE WHO DISAGREES WITH A PORTION OF THE REPORT SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE A REBUTTAL STATEMENT, AS AN APPENDIX, WITHIN THE REPORT BEFORE THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED ONLINE, TRANSMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR OR OTHERWISE MADE A PUBLIC RECORD UNDER SUBSECTION (C).

(c) Public record.--The final report under subsection (a) shall be a public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

Section 8. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.