

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1463 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY NEUMAN, JUNE 6, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 6, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), entitled
2 "An act providing for the certification and recertification
3 of assessors; establishing eligibility and training
4 requirements; defining the powers and duties of the State
5 Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers relating to
6 training, certification and recertification of assessors; and
7 authorizing the board to establish fees," further providing
8 for duties of board and for qualifications.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155,
12 No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, is amended by
13 adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 4. Duties of board.

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16 (c.1) Training program.--The board shall establish and
17 administer a training program for persons who apply to be
18 assessors, which program shall include instruction on the
19 following topics:

20 (1) Historical and current Pennsylvania judicial
21 decisions affecting property valuation, assessment and

1 reassessment.

2 (2) The implications of Pennsylvania judicial decisions
3 for permissible valuation and assessment practices in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 (3) The manner in which an assessor's duties have been
6 and are currently impacted or may be impacted in the future
7 by Pennsylvania judicial decisions.

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9 Section 2. Section 5(b) of the act is amended to read:

10 Section 5. Qualifications.

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12 (b) Requirements.--An applicant shall meet the following
13 requirements:

14 (1) The applicant shall have a high school diploma, or
15 its equivalent, or two years of assessing experience.

16 (2) The applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

17 (3) The applicant shall be a resident of this
18 Commonwealth for at least six months.

19 (4) The applicant shall have successfully completed a
20 minimum of 90 hours of the basic courses of study approved by
21 the board covering the appraisal assessing profession or any
22 other professional courses acceptable to the board. At the
23 discretion of the county commissioners, the county may
24 reimburse county assessors for the costs of completing the
25 courses of study required by this subsection.

26 (5) The applicant shall have successfully completed the
27 training program established by the board under section
28 4(c.1).

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