

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 217**Session of  
1975

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JULY 8, 1975

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## AN ACT

1 Exempting the owner of certain agricultural land from the  
2 payment of assessments for municipal improvements during the  
3 period of time that the owner does not use the services  
4 provided by the improvements.

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

7 Section 1. The owner of land that has been certified by the  
8 Secretary of Agriculture as having been used primarily for  
9 agricultural purposes for at least three years prior to the  
10 installation of water or sewer lines in a right-of-way fronting  
11 on such land, which right-of-way was not secured from the said  
12 owner, shall not be liable for the cost of the installation of  
13 the water or sewer lines provided that he does not avail himself  
14 of the services provided by the lines. The municipality or  
15 authority installing the lines shall have the right to place a  
16 lien against the property for an amount equal to that which  
17 would have been due and payable by the owner if he were liable  
18 for the payment, said ~~line~~ LIEN to be interest free. The lien <—

1 shall not have priority over any judgment or mortgage placed  
2 against the land. No execution may be made on the lien unless  
3 the owner avails himself of the services provided by the lines.

4 Section 2. If there is a farm dwelling located on the land  
5 and ~~he~~ THE OWNER avails himself of the services provided by the ←  
6 lines for that dwelling only he shall be liable for the cost of  
7 installation in such amounts as the municipality or authority  
8 shall determine.

9 Section 3. Except as provided in section 2, if the owner or  
10 subsequent owner of land described in section 1 avails himself  
11 of the services provided by the lines he shall become liable in  
12 the same manner as other property owners were assessed at the  
13 time the installation was made reduced by an amount which the  
14 municipality or authority installing the lines deems appropriate  
15 taking into consideration the amount of land utilizing the  
16 services.