
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REED, BROWN, ZITTERMAN, ZELLER AND LAUGHLIN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 27, 1977

AN ACT

1 Providing for the powers and duties of owners of buildings
2 damaged or destroyed by fire and prescribing penalties.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Restoration of building from insurance proceeds.

6 The owner of a building damaged or destroyed by fire shall
7 use as much of the payment received under a fire insurance
8 policy covering losses as is necessary to restore the building
9 in accordance with the provisions of applicable building, health
10 or safety codes.

11 Section 2. Actions other than restoration.

12 In lieu of restoration, the owner of a damaged or destroyed
13 building may board up or seal the windows and doors of the
14 building if permissible under applicable municipal housing,
15 health or safety codes. He may demolish the building and, within
16 a reasonable time after the loss, convey the land on which the
17 building was situated.

18 Section 3. Responsibility of new owner.

1 This act shall not excuse a new owner from complying with
2 housing, health and safety codes covering the building in which
3 the fire occurred.

4 Section 4. Penalty.

5 A person who violates a provision of this act is guilty of a
6 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
7 a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to undergo imprisonment for not
8 more than one year, or both.

9 Section 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.