

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND LYNCH, OCTOBER 3, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, OCTOBER 3, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 31, 1949 (P.L.372, No.34), entitled  
2 "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the  
3 Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body  
4 corporate and politic with power to construct, improve,  
5 equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same,  
6 and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof;  
7 authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said  
8 Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and  
9 the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into  
10 agreements with the Government of the United States or any  
11 Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property  
12 and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the  
13 Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein,  
14 and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent  
15 domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and  
16 convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and  
17 providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred  
18 in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act,"  
19 providing for the use of domestically produced steel in all  
20 construction undertaken by The General State Authority.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. Section 4, act of March 31, 1949 (P.L.372,  
24 No.34), known as "The General State Authority Act of one  
25 thousand nine hundred forty-nine," is amended by adding a

1 subsection to read:

2       Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.--The Authority is  
3 created for the purpose of constructing, improving, equipping,  
4 furnishing, maintaining, acquiring and operating sewers, sewer  
5 systems, and sewage treatment works for State institutions of  
6 every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed),  
7 public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, an official  
8 residence in the City of Harrisburg which shall thereafter be  
9 used as the official residence of the Governor of the  
10 Commonwealth, municipal exhibition halls, State arsenals,  
11 armories, and military reserves, State airports and landing  
12 fields, State institutions of every kind and character  
13 (heretofore or hereafter constructed), additions and  
14 improvements to land grant colleges, the University of  
15 Pittsburgh and Temple University, State colleges and Indiana  
16 University of Pennsylvania, universities and medical colleges,  
17 manual training schools, agricultural and industrial schools  
18 receiving State aid, school buildings and the furnishings and  
19 equipment thereof for the use of the public schools, resident  
20 treatment and research centers for victims of addictive diseases  
21 operating under the jurisdiction and control of the Department  
22 of Public Welfare, State highways and bridges, toll bridges,  
23 tunnels, and traffic circles on State highways, swimming pools,  
24 reservoirs and lakes, marinas, marine terminals, port  
25 improvements, low head dams, improvements to river embankments,  
26 desilting dams, impounding basins, flood control projects, and  
27 the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection  
28 with State institutions and for use of State colleges (any and  
29 all the foregoing being herein called "projects"): Provided,  
30 however, That the purpose and intent of this act being to

1 benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things,  
2 increasing their commerce and prosperity, and not to  
3 unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing business by the  
4 establishment of competitive enterprises, none of the powers  
5 granted hereby (other than for the construction, improvement and  
6 maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction,  
7 improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project  
8 or projects which, in whole or in part, shall duplicate or  
9 compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same  
10 purposes. Whenever any bill authorizing the Authority to  
11 undertake specific projects becomes law, the Authority shall not  
12 undertake any project which at any time was included in such  
13 bill but which was not included in the bill as finally passed.  
14 The Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise  
15 all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the  
16 aforesaid purposes, including, but without limiting the  
17 generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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19 (g) All contract specifications and all construction  
20 approved by The General State Authority or its successor shall  
21 require that domestically produced steel be used in all  
22 construction.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.