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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the creation of guidelines for inmates to
2 participate in highway litter removal and other public
3 service work projects.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Inmate Public
8 Service Law.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Highway." Includes, but is not limited to, any highway,
14 road, boulevard, street, avenue, alleyway or byway within this
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Inmate." An inmate of a State or county correctional
17 facility.

18 "Municipality." A municipal corporation or quasi-municipal

1 corporation.

2 "Prison." A State or county correctional facility.

3 "Public service work projects." Includes, but is not limited
4 to, any State or local park, playground, recreational area,
5 public buildings or office, or any other public facility used by
6 the citizens of this Commonwealth.

7 "Secretary." The Secretary of Corrections of the
8 Commonwealth.

9 "Warden." A person in charge of a county correctional
10 facility.

11 Section 3. Inmate participation in litter collection and public
12 service work projects.

13 The warden of a county correctional facility is authorized
14 and directed to detail for work on the public highways those
15 inmates as he considers advisable, excepting prisoners under
16 sentence of death, upon the written request of the Secretary of
17 Transportation for all State roads, the county commissioners for
18 all county roads, the township commissioners or township
19 supervisors, as the case may be, for township roads or the mayor
20 or burgess, as the case may be, for all municipal streets. The
21 detail shall be voluntary on the part of the inmate and shall in
22 no way be compulsory.

23 Section 4. Guidelines.

24 The secretary or his designee may permit inmates incarcerated
25 in a State correctional facility appropriately classified for
26 programming outside the perimeter of their correctional facility
27 to participate in highway litter removal along any highway,
28 public service work project or other similar project. Inmates
29 shall not be used to take the place of persons employed by this
30 Commonwealth or independent contractors. The Department of

- 1 Corrections shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement
- 2 this section.
- 3 Section 5. Effective date.
- 4 This act shall take effect in 90 days.