

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purposes and  
3 powers of municipal authorities.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5607(b)(3) of Title 53 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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10 (b) Limitations.--This section is subject to the following  
11 limitations:

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13 (3) It is the intent of this chapter in specifying and  
14 defining the authorized purposes and projects of an authority  
15 to permit the authority to benefit the people of this  
16 Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their  
17 commerce, health, safety and prosperity while not  
18 unnecessarily burdening or interfering with any municipality

1 [which has not incorporated or joined that authority].  
2 Therefore, notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
3 chapter, an authority shall not have as its purpose and shall  
4 not undertake as a project solely for revenue-producing  
5 purposes or solely for investment purposes the acquiring of  
6 [buildings, facilities or tracts of land which in the case of  
7 an authority incorporated or joined by a county or counties  
8 are located either within or outside the boundaries of the  
9 county or counties and in the case of all other authorities  
10 are located outside the boundaries of the municipality or  
11 municipalities that incorporated or joined the authority  
12 unless either:

13 (i) the governing body of each municipality in which  
14 the project will be undertaken has by resolution  
15 evidenced its approval; or

16 (ii) in cases where the property acquired is not  
17 subject to tax abatement, the authority covenants and  
18 agrees with each municipality in which the authority will  
19 acquire real property as part of the project either to  
20 make annual payments in lieu of real estate taxes and  
21 special assessments for amounts and time periods  
22 specified in the agreement or to pay annually the amount  
23 of real estate taxes and special assessments which would  
24 be payable if the real property so acquired were fully  
25 taxable and subject to special assessments.] any property  
26 or project.

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28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.