

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 143 Session of 2007

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 20, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), entitled "An
2 act establishing the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps; and
3 making an appropriation," further providing for supervisors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561,
7 No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act,
8 amended June 25, 1997 (P.L.339, No.38), is amended to read:

9 Section 8. Supervisors.

10 (a) Funding.--Funds available for this program may be
11 expended to pay the wages of crewleaders who shall supervise
12 corpsmembers as prescribed by the department.

13 (b) Crewleader criteria.--Persons eligible to be hired as
14 crewleaders by the department shall be men and women who are:

15 (1) Domiciled in the Commonwealth for at least six
16 months prior to employment in the programs.

1 (2) Registered with the local Job Center for employment.

2 (3) Physically and mentally capable of performing labor
3 intensive work and supervisory duties.

4 (4) Not attending a postsecondary institution full time
5 and who provide assurance that they did not leave school for
6 the purpose of employment as a supervisor in the program.

7 (c) Term of employment.--A crewleader shall be employed by
8 the department for a period of one year. At the option of the
9 department, a crewleader who has successfully completed a one-
10 year term of service may be extended for subsequent one-year
11 terms.

12 (d) Hourly wage.--Crewleaders shall receive an hourly wage
13 that exceeds the hourly wage of corpsmembers by a minimum of
14 \$5.00.

15 (e) Benefits.--

16 (1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee
17 benefits provided to existing employees of the department or
18 of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid
19 Commonwealth holidays [and workmen's], workers' compensation
20 coverage, health and dental benefits equivalent to the
21 benefits received by other full-time departmental employees,
22 and beginning January 1, 2008, membership in the State
23 Employees' Retirement System, which shall be provided through
24 the funds appropriated to carry out this act.

25 (2) A crewleader who has served for one year shall be
26 entitled to five paid vacation days and five days of paid
27 sick leave during each subsequent year of service.

28 ~~(3) Service as a crewleader, before January 1, 2008,~~ <—
29 ~~shall be considered nonschool service under 24 Pa.C.S. § 8304~~
30 ~~(relating to creditable nonschool service) and nonstate~~

1 ~~service under 71 Pa.C.S. § 5304 (relating to creditable~~
2 ~~nonstate service).~~

3 (f) Veterans' preference.--In the hiring of crewleaders,
4 preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of
5 the armed forces of the United States.

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