

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 143** Session of  
2007

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 1, 2007

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## 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~~ JULY 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 (f) Veterans' preference.--In the hiring of crewleaders,  
29 preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of  
30 the armed forces of the United States.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ JULY 1, ←  
2 2008, OR IMMEDIATELY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.