

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 9**Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY McCALL AND SEIP, MARCH 3, 2009

RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 15, 2010

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 and for expiration.

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

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

10 Section 8. Supervisors.

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

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

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

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

19 (3) Physically and mentally capable of performing labor

1 intensive work and supervisory duties.

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

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

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

13 (e) Benefits.--

14 (1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee
15 benefits provided to existing employees of the department or
16 of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid
17 Commonwealth holidays [and workmen's], workers' compensation
18 coverage, health and supplemental benefits equivalent to the ←
19 benefits received by other full-time departmental employees,
20 and beginning July 1, 2009, membership in the State
21 Employees' Retirement System, which shall be provided through
22 the funds appropriated to carry out this act. COVERAGE [WHICH ←
23 SHALL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO CARRY OUT
24 THIS ACT], HEALTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS EQUIVALENT TO THE
25 BENEFITS RECEIVED BY OTHER FULL-TIME DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES,
26 AND BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010, MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE
27 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, IF SO PROVIDED UNDER 71 PA.C.S.
28 § 5301 (RELATING TO MANDATORY AND OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP).

29 (2) A crewleader who has served for one year shall be
30 entitled to five paid vacation days and five days of paid

1 sick leave during each subsequent year of service.

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

5 Section 2. Section 13.1 of the act, amended June 22, 2000
6 (P.L.355, No.42), is amended to read:

7 Section 13.1. Expiration.

8 This act and the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps shall expire
9 June 30, [2010] 2020.

10 Section 3. This act shall take as follows:

11 (1) The amendment of section 8 of the act shall take
12 effect July 1, ~~2009~~ 2010, or immediately, whichever is later. ←

13 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
14 immediately.