

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

INTRODUCED BY McCALL, SEIP AND CALTAGIRONE, MARCH 3, 2009

SENATOR GORDNER, LABOR AND INDUSTRY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 13, 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.

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

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

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

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

14 (e) Benefits.--

15 (1) Crewleaders shall not be entitled to any employee
16 benefits provided to existing employees of the department or
17 of other State agencies [or local agencies] except for paid
18 Commonwealth holidays [and workmen's], workers' compensation
19 coverage [which shall be provided through the funds
20 appropriated to carry out this act], AND health and ←
21 supplemental benefits equivalent to the benefits received by
22 other full-time departmental employees, and beginning July 1, ←
23 2010, EMPLOYEES. ←

24 (2) CREWLEADERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR membership in the
25 State Employees' Retirement System, if so provided under 71
26 Pa.C.S. § 5301 (relating to mandatory and optional
27 membership).

28 ~~(2)~~ (3) A crewleader who has served for one year shall ←
29 be entitled to five paid vacation days and five days of paid
30 sick leave during each subsequent year of service.

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

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

6 Section 13.1. Expiration.

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

9 Section 3. This act shall take as follows:

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

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