
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,
15 including agreements with the United States, the
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"
23 further providing for powers of authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 10(ee) of the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.
27 955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, added

1 October 4, 1978 (P.L.1008, No.215), is amended to read:

2 Section 10. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall
3 constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising
4 public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which
5 powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to
6 carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of this act,
7 including the following powers, in addition to others herein
8 granted:

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10 (ee) [In] Except in a city of the [second] first class, to
11 appoint police officers who shall [have the same rights, powers
12 and duties as other peace officers in the Commonwealth] exercise
13 the same powers that may be exercised under authority of law or
14 ordinance by the police of the municipalities wherein the
15 Authority is located, including, but not limited to, those
16 powers conferred pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 89 Subch. D
17 (relating to municipal police jurisdiction) with respect to the
18 property and enforcing order on and adjacent to the grounds and
19 buildings of the Authority: Provided, That said police officers
20 complete the same course of instruction as is required for
21 municipal police officers by [the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359,
22 No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and
23 Training Law] 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal
24 police education and training).

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