
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY
9, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), entitled "An
2 act authorizing the creation of agricultural areas," further
3 providing for definitions; and abrogating a regulation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128,
7 No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, is amended
8 by adding a definition to read:

9 Section 3. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section, unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Contiguous acreage." All portions of one operational unit
15 as described in the deed, whether or not the portions are
16 divided by streams, public roads, bridges or railroads and

1 whether or not described as multiple tax parcels, tracts,
2 purparts or other property identifiers. The term includes
3 supportive lands, such as unpaved field access roads, drainage
4 areas, border strips, hedgerows, submerged lands, marshes, ponds
5 and streams.

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7 Section 2. The definition of "contiguous acreage" in 7 Pa.
8 Code § 138e.3 (relating to definitions) is abrogated.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.