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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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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 an authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 10 of the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955,  
27 No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, is amended by  
28 adding a clause to read:

29 Section 10. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall

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

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8 (e.1) To develop, adopt and implement binding policies or  
9 guidelines to ensure that all persons are accorded equal  
10 opportunity in employment and contracting associated with  
11 housing projects. This clause shall apply to an Authority's  
12 contractors, subcontractors, assignees, lessees, agents, vendors  
13 and suppliers. An Authority may use the lists of certified  
14 minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned business  
15 enterprises which have been certified under the Department of  
16 General Services' disadvantaged business program to compete for  
17 and participate in the Authority's contracting process. The  
18 Department of General Services shall cooperate with and assist  
19 an Authority in carrying out the requirements of this clause.

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