

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 276 Session of 2011

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BROWNE, GORDNER AND WAUGH, JANUARY 26, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
JANUARY 26, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), entitled "An
2 act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a
3 downtown area; and providing for report to General Assembly,"
4 further providing for powers and duties of the Department of
5 General Services.

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

8 Section 1. Section 4(a) of the act of June 22, 2000
9 (P.L.318, No.32), known as the Downtown Location Law, is amended
10 and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

11 Section 4. Powers and duties.

12 (a) Guidelines.--The department shall establish guidelines
13 to encourage State agencies to locate all new office facilities
14 in downtown areas. The guidelines shall include consideration of
15 the following factors:

- 16 (1) The requirements of the agency.
- 17 (2) Servicing clientele needs.
- 18 (3) Local economic considerations.
- 19 (4) The availability of suitable space in a downtown

1 area.

2 (5) Competitiveness in the marketplace.

3 (6) Cost to the Commonwealth.

4 (7) Safety to persons using the office facility.

5 (8) The availability of public transportation.

6 (9) Compatibility with the economic revitalization plan
7 for the downtown area.

8 (10) Local zoning ordinances.

9 (a.1) Denial of requests.--The department shall deny a
10 request by a State agency to locate outside a downtown area
11 unless a majority of the factors specified in subsection (a) are
12 found to be unsatisfactory to the agencies' needs or facility
13 requirements cannot be met by locating in a downtown area.

14 (a.2) Coordination.--The department shall also coordinate
15 projects with existing public and private sector organizations
16 committed to community, downtown revitalization and historic
17 preservation. The coordination shall include seeking a
18 recommendation from the identified downtown revitalization or
19 historic preservation organization as to whether, in its
20 opinion, the needs of the agency could be met based on the
21 factors specified in subsection (a).

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