
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1359 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY TOEPEL, BRADFORD, VEREB, PAINTER, BENNINGHOFF,
GINGRICH AND CLYMER, MAY 8, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 8, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.320, No.49), entitled "An
2 act amending the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591),
3 entitled 'An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the
4 Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal
5 Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of
6 preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests
7 of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as
8 public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for
9 county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties,
10 school districts, and townships where such forests are
11 located; and making an appropriation,' increasing the amount
12 paid by the Commonwealth; and providing for an annual charge
13 for tax-exempt lands," further providing for an annual charge
14 for tax-exempt lands.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.320,
18 No.49), entitled "An act amending the act of May 17, 1929
19 (P.L.1798, No.591), entitled 'An act providing a fixed charge,
20 payable by the Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and
21 the Federal Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose
22 of preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests
23 of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as
24 public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for

1 county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties,
2 school districts, and townships where such forests are located;
3 and making an appropriation, ' increasing the amount paid by the
4 Commonwealth; and providing for an annual charge for tax-exempt
5 lands," is amended to read:

6 Section 2. The portion of any land owned by the Commonwealth
7 which, pursuant to existing law, is exempt from taxation,
8 including, but not limited to, land held as a forest reserve or
9 for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating any portion of
10 the original forests of the Commonwealth and preserving and
11 maintaining the same as public places and parks, land acquired
12 or used pursuant to the act of June 22, 1964 (Sp.Sess., P.L.131,
13 No.8), known as the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing
14 Act, or land administered pursuant to 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to
15 game) which is leased at 90% or more of its fair market value
16 for residential or commercial purposes other than for
17 agricultural operations and which consists of [75] 30 or more
18 leased parcels of land shall be subject to an annual charge for
19 the benefit of the county, local municipality and school
20 district in which such lands are located equal to the tax which
21 each of those taxing authorities would be entitled to collect on
22 such leased parcels but for the Commonwealth's tax-exempt
23 status.

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