

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 providing for screening of certain applicants.

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

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

29 Section 13.2. Screening of Certain Applicants.--(a) For

1 purposes of determining eligibility for federally assisted
2 housing in accordance with section 576 of the act of October 21,
3 1998 (Public Law 105-276, 42 U.S.C. § 13661), an Authority shall
4 construe the term "reasonable period" to mean any period of time
5 that is indicative of successful rehabilitation or active
6 abstention from the engagement in drug-related, criminal or
7 violent criminal activity not to exceed ten years following the
8 most recent conviction or period of confinement resulting from
9 the conviction.

10 (b) This section shall not apply to any individual subject
11 to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex
12 offender registration program.

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