

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 486 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, WHITE, SCHWANK, COSTA, YUDICHAK, TEPLITZ, MCGARRIGLE, STEFANO AND WOZNIAK, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 1, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act establishing fees for services of recorders
3 of deeds in counties of the second A, third, fourth, fifth,
4 sixth, seventh and eighth classes and home rule charter
5 counties of these classes," authorizing an additional fee to
6 be imposed and used for demolition; and making an editorial
7 change.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The title of the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310,
11 No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, amended
12 April 17, 2002 (P.L.244, No.32), is amended to read:

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14 Establishing fees for services of recorders of deeds in counties
15 of the second A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and
16 eighth classes and home rule charter counties of these
17 classes; authorizing a special deed and mortgage recording
18 fee in counties of all classes and all home rule charter
19 counties; and establishing county demolition funds.

1 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

2 Section 2.2. (a) There is hereby created a county
3 demolition fund in each county of the first, second, second A,
4 third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class and home
5 rule charter county of these classes that impose the fee
6 authorized under subsection (b).

7 (b) In addition to the fees charged by a recorder of deeds
8 in a county of the first, second, second A, third, fourth,
9 fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class or by an equivalent
10 officer in a home rule charter county of these classes, the
11 governing body of the county may, by resolution or ordinance,
12 authorize the recorder of deeds to charge and collect a fee not
13 to exceed \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded. The fee shall
14 be deposited into the county demolition fund to be used
15 exclusively for the demolition of blighted property situate in
16 the county.

17 (C) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "BLIGHTED PROPERTY" <--
18 SHALL MEAN A PROPERTY WHICH MEETS AT LEAST THREE OF THE CRITERIA
19 LISTED UNDER SECTION 5(D)(5) OF THE ACT OF NOVEMBER 26, 2008
20 (P.L.1672, NO.135), KNOWN AS THE ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY
21 CONSERVATORSHIP ACT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
22 COUNTY.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.