
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BURGOS, KINSEY, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, McCLINTON,
YOUNGBLOOD, MILLARD, DeLUCA, CIRESI AND KIM, JANUARY 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 14, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting
3 government units, further providing for definitions and for
4 governmental immunity generally.

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

7 Section 1. Section 8501 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 8501. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
12 meanings given to them in this section:

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14 "Local government unit." Any political subdivision,
15 municipal or other local authority. The term shall include a
16 land bank as defined in 68 Pa.C.S. § 2103 (relating to
17 definitions).

18 Section 2. Section 8541 of Title 42 is amended to read:
19 § 8541. Governmental immunity generally.

1 (a) Injury to person.--Except as otherwise provided in this
2 subchapter, no local agency shall be liable for any damages on
3 account of any injury to a person or property caused by any act
4 of the local agency or an employee thereof or any other person.

5 (b) Adverse possession.--No local government unit in this
6 Commonwealth may be subject to a claim of adverse possession for
7 any real property owned by the local government unit.

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