

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 1518** Session of  
2017

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 20, 2017

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the  
3 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the  
4 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the  
5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers  
6 thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal  
7 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating,  
8 reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain  
9 administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining  
10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and  
11 administrative officers, and of the several administrative  
12 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the  
13 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain  
14 other executive and administrative officers; providing for  
15 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of  
16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain  
17 departments, boards, and commissions; providing for the  
18 regulation of pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing and  
19 harness horse racing activities, imposing certain taxes and  
20 providing for the disposition of funds from pari-mutuel  
21 tickets; and prescribing the manner in which the number and  
22 compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and  
23 employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall  
24 be determined," in organization of independent administrative  
25 boards and commissions, further providing for Agricultural  
26 Lands Condemnation Approval Board.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

28 hereby enacts as follows:

29 ~~Section 1. Section 306 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, <--~~

1 ~~No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by~~  
2 ~~adding a subsection to read:~~

3 SECTION 1. SECTION 306(A) OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 <--  
4 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, IS  
5 AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO  
6 READ:

7 Section 306. Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval  
8 ~~Board.~~\*\*\* BOARD.--(A) THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONDEMNATION <--  
9 APPROVAL BOARD IS HEREBY CREATED AS AN INDEPENDENT  
10 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND SHALL BE MADE UP OF SIX (6) MEMBERS,  
11 CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND PLANNING,  
12 OR HIS DESIGNEE, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR HIS DESIGNEE,  
13 THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL [RESOURCES] PROTECTION, OR HIS  
14 DESIGNEE, THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND  
15 TWO ACTIVE FARMERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE  
16 AND CONSENT OF A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE, FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4)  
17 YEARS. THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF SUCH  
18 COMMITTEE AND SHALL CONVENE THE COMMITTEE FROM TIME TO TIME AS  
19 NEEDED TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES. THE FARM MEMBERS OF THE  
20 COMMITTEE SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
21 THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. SUCH EXPENSES AND ANY OTHERS  
22 INCURRED BY THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE PAID FOR FROM APPROPRIATIONS  
23 MADE TO THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

24 (a.1) In addition to the two active farmers appointed by the  
25 Governor under subsection (a), the Governor shall appoint, with  
26 the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate, two  
27 alternate farm members to serve in the event of a vacancy or  
28 absence of a farm member appointed under subsection (a). The  
29 term of an alternate farm member shall be four (4) years. When  
30 serving on the board, an alternate farm member may participate

1 in all proceedings and discussions of the board to the same  
2 extent as provided by law for a board member. An alternate farm  
3 member shall serve at any time when delegated by the board  
4 chairman and shall receive a reimbursement for actual expenses  
5 incurred in the performance of the alternate farm member's  
6 duties.

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