
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1655 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MARSHALL, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations)
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate
3 powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for
4 additional powers of certain public utility corporations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1511(e) of Title 15 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1511. Additional powers of certain public utility
10 corporations.

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12 (e) Streets and other public places.--A public utility
13 corporation shall have the right to enter upon and occupy
14 streets, highways, waters and other public ways and places for
15 one or more of the principal purposes specified in subsection
16 (a) and ancillary purposes reasonably necessary or appropriate
17 for the accomplishment of the principal purposes, including the
18 placement, maintenance and removal of aerial, surface and
19 subsurface public utility facilities thereon or therein. Before

1 entering upon any street, highway or other public way, the
2 public utility corporation shall obtain such permits as may be
3 required by law and shall comply with the lawful and reasonable
4 regulations of the governmental authority having responsibility
5 for the maintenance thereof. Any requirements imposed by the
6 governmental authority concerning the restoration of streets,
7 highways or other public ways after the installation,
8 maintenance, repair, modification or removal of public utility
9 facilities, whether the requirements are imposed by ordinance,
10 regulation, permit or other means, shall not exceed the permit
11 fees and restoration standards adopted by the Department of
12 Transportation as specified under 67 Pa. Code § 459.4 (relating
13 to permit fees), 459.8 (relating to special conditions-
14 subsurface operations) or 459.9 (relating to special conditions,
15 aboveground facilities).

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