
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, GALLOWAY, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 14, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public
2 Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and
4 powers; and, in alternative form of regulation of
5 telecommunications services, further providing for network
6 modernization plans.

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

9 Section 1. Section 5607(a) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
11 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

12 (a) Scope of projects permitted.--Every authority
13 incorporated under this chapter shall be a body corporate and
14 politic and shall be for the purposes of financing working
15 capital; acquiring, holding, constructing, financing, improving,
16 maintaining and operating, owning or leasing, either in the
17 capacity of lessor or lessee, projects of the following kind and
18 character and providing financing for insurance reserves:

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1 (19) Publicly owned Internet network infrastructure
2 planning, management and implementation as defined in the
3 articles of incorporation by the governing body. Projects
4 will connect premises to underserved areas as defined by the
5 Federal Communications Commission.

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7 Section 2. Section 3014(h) introductory paragraph of Title
8 66 is amended to read:

9 § 3014. Network modernization plans.

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11 (h) Prohibition against political subdivision advanced and
12 broadband services deployment.--Except as provided in 53 Pa.C.S.
13 § 5607(a)(19) (relating to purposes and powers):

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