
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled "An
2 act to promote public health, safety, morals, and welfare by
3 declaring the necessity of creating public bodies, corporate
4 and politic, to be known as housing authorities to engage in
5 slum clearance, and to undertake projects, to provide
6 dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; providing
7 for the organization of such housing authorities; defining
8 their powers and duties; providing for the exercise of such
9 powers, including the acquisition of property by purchase,
10 gift or eminent domain, the renting and selling of property,
11 and including borrowing money, issuing bonds, and other
12 obligations, and giving security therefor; prescribing the
13 remedies of obligees of housing authorities; authorizing
14 housing authorities to enter into agreements, including
15 agreements with the United States, the Commonwealth, and
16 political subdivisions and municipalities thereof; defining
17 the application of zoning, sanitary, and building laws and
18 regulations to projects built or maintained by such housing
19 authorities; exempting the property and securities of such
20 housing authorities from taxation; and imposing duties and
21 conferring powers upon the State Planning Board, and certain
22 other State officers and departments," further providing for
23 powers of authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 10(ee) of the act of May 28, 1937
27 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law,
28 is amended to read:

1 Section 10. Powers of an Authority.--An Authority shall
2 constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising
3 public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which
4 powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to
5 carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of this act,
6 including the following powers, in addition to others herein
7 granted:

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9 (ee) In a county of the second class [and], city of the
10 second class and city of the third class, to appoint police
11 officers who shall exercise the same powers that may be
12 exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of
13 the municipalities wherein the Authority is located, including,
14 but not limited to, those powers conferred pursuant to 42
15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 89 Subch. D (relating to municipal police
16 jurisdiction) with respect to the property and enforcing order
17 on and adjacent to the grounds and buildings of the Authority:
18 Provided, That said police officers complete the same course of
19 instruction as is required for municipal police officers by 53
20 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education
21 and training) and receive certification by the Municipal Police
22 Officers' Education and Training Commission as having completed
23 the instruction. Said police officers shall maintain the
24 certification as a condition of employment as police officers
25 for the Authority.

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