

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1629 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, MURT, SIMMONS AND
NEILSON, JUNE 28, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,
15 including agreements with the United States, the
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"
23 further providing for 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] cities of
10 the second [class] and third classes, to appoint police officers
11 who shall exercise the same powers that may be exercised under
12 authority of law or ordinance by the police of the
13 municipalities wherein the Authority is located, including, but
14 not limited to, those powers conferred pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.
15 Ch. 89 Subch. D (relating to municipal police jurisdiction) with
16 respect to the property and enforcing order on and adjacent to
17 the grounds and buildings of the Authority: Provided, That said
18 police officers complete the same course of instruction as is
19 required for municipal police officers by 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21
20 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training)
21 and receive certification by the Municipal Police Officers'
22 Education and Training Commission as having completed the
23 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.