

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, RAFFERTY, WARD, WILLIAMS, YUDICHAK,  
ALLOWAY, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH AND BREWSTER, JULY 15, 2015

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, JULY 15, 2015

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.724, No.99), entitled "An act requiring purchasers of real estate with buildings thereon to bring the buildings into compliance with municipal codes; providing for nuisance abatement; and imposing penalties," further providing for compliance requirement.

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

Section 1. Section 3(a) and (e) of the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.724, No.99), known as the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act, are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 3. Compliance requirement.

(a) General rule.--Within [18] 12 months of the date of purchase or longer subject to an agreement between the purchaser and the municipality, any purchaser of any building, structure or part of a building or structure known to have one or more substantial violations of municipal codes relating to building, housing, property maintenance or fire shall:

(1) bring the building, structure or that part of a

building or structure into compliance with those codes; or

(2) demolish the building or structure in accordance with law.

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(d.1) Property maintenance codes.--Municipalities that have adopted a property maintenance code may enforce the provisions of the code even if the code requires compliance within a shorter period of time than required under subsection (a) or (c).

(e) Coordination with other requirements.--In connection with the purchase of a building, structure, part of a building or structure, lot or parcel of land subject to subsection (a) or (c), a municipality shall not refuse to issue a use and occupancy certificate or similar permit on the basis of a substantial violation or require the correction of a substantial violation as a condition to issuing a use and occupancy certificate or similar permit unless the substantial violation renders the property unfit for habitation or the municipality denies the certificate or permit pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization).

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