



## || SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### **Senate Bill 942** **Printer's No. 1174**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Argall  
Committee: Urban Affairs and Housing

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

An Act amending the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.724, No.99), known as the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act, further providing for compliance requirement.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 942 will amend Act 99 of 2000, the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act. In order to help municipalities across the Commonwealth eradicate blight in our communities and give our local officials another tool to assist in their efforts to fight blight.

Currently, under the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act, a purchaser of a building with known code violations has up to 18 months to correct the violations or demolish the building, this legislation will lower the timeframe to 12 months. Furthermore, Senate Bill 942 includes a provision that if a municipality already has a property maintenance code requiring compliance within a shorter timeframe they may enforce their own code.

Senate Bill 942 also includes a cross reference to Title 53 PA. C. S. Chapter 61 in regards to the issuance or denial of an occupancy certificate or similar permit. This legislation provides that a municipality may deny an occupancy certificate or similar permit pursuant of Title 53 PA. C. S. Chapter 61 (relating to neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization)

Effective Date: This act shall take effect in 60 days.

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

Referred to the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee - July 15, 2015

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