



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1387 Printer's No. 2071

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haywood
Committee: Urban Affairs and Housing

SYNOPSIS:

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

SUMMARY:

A tenant may submit to the Authority a request to be relocated from the tenant's existing dwelling to another dwelling under the control of the Authority to which the request is submitted or to a dwelling under the control of an Authority within the same geographic region. Each Authority shall review and approve a request submitted within five (5) days of receipt of the request. An Authority shall relocate the tenant making the request and any member of the tenant's household requesting to be relocated to another dwelling unit under the control of the Authority or under the control of an Authority within the same geographic region within thirty (30) days of the submission of the request.

The term "tenant" shall mean an individual residing in a dwelling unit of the Authority who is any of the following:

- A victim of abuse as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions) who files an affidavit with the Authority stating the affiant's eligibility for a protection from abuse order and further stating that the affiant fears future violent acts by the perpetrator of abuse.
- A victim of sexual violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 62A03 (relating to definitions) who files an affidavit with the Authority describing the perpetrator's violent actions or threatened violent

actions toward the affiant and further stating that the affiant fears future violent acts by the perpetrator of the sexual violence.

- A victim of stalking who files an affidavit with the Authority describing the perpetrator's course of conduct or repeated actions toward the affiant meeting the criteria enumerated under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1 (relating to stalking) and further stating that the affiant fears future violent acts by the perpetrator of the stalking.
- An individual, other than the perpetrator, who is a member of the same household as the tenant requesting relocation.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, October 17, 2016.

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