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Bill Summary

Bill Number: House Bill 1644, P.N. 2267

Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor

Synopsis

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers.

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House Bill 1644 amends the Municipal Authority Act to allow additional adjustments for single-family residential property owners within a Business Improvement District (BID).

The legislation enables a BID to reduce the assessment percentage on single-family residential properties within the district.

Specifically, if a BID elects to assess residential properties at 50 percent of their value (allowed under current law), HB 1644 enables that district with the further option to proportionally adjust individual assessments based on a 5 percent aggregate cap on the residential owners' share within that district. The remaining 95 percent will be assessed on non-residential properties within the district.

Additional Information

HB 1644 unanimously passed the House of Representatives (197-0) on October 23, 2013.