

No. 141

AN ACT

HB 1710

Amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.865, No.292), entitled "An act authorizing municipalities to expend Federal general revenue sharing or general funds for social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging, and to jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of such programs," providing for expenditures for established historical, architectural or esthetic value.

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

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.865, No.292), entitled "An act authorizing municipalities to expend Federal general revenue sharing or general funds for social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging, and to jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of such programs," are amended and the act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1. Every municipality may, by passage of an ordinance by its governing body, in any year expend all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 92-512, the "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972," or its general municipal funds for social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging, **and for sites of established historical, architectural or esthetic value**, provided such programs do not duplicate although they may expand programs of the Commonwealth or of the United States Government. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the use of the funds in the matching of local funds with State or Federal funds in so far as permitted by law or regulation. Unless contrary to Federal statutes and regulations, no person shall be denied participation in, or the benefits of social service programs so funded because said person is not a public assistance recipient.

Section 1.1. Every municipality may by passage of an ordinance by its governing body, in any year expend, including by making an appropriation to a nonprofit corporation organized for the community development purposes, all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 93-383, the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974," or its general municipal funds for community development programs provided such programs do not duplicate although they may expand programs of the Commonwealth or of the United States Government. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the use of the funds in the matching of

local funds with State or Federal funds in so far as permitted by law or regulation.

Section 2. Two or more municipalities may jointly cooperate, or any municipality may jointly cooperate with any municipality located in any other state, in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging ***and for sites of established historical, architectural or esthetical value*** pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation."

Section 2.1. Two or more municipalities may jointly cooperate, or any municipality may jointly cooperate with any municipality located in any other state, in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of community development programs pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation."

Section 3. Municipalities which provide or jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of social service programs to the poor, the disabled and the aging ***and for sites of established historical, or esthetical value*** pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation," may expend or use all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 92-512, the "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972," for such purposes.

Section 3.1. Municipalities which provide or jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of community development programs pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation," may expend or use, including by making an appropriation to a nonprofit corporation organized for community development purposes, all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 93-383, the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974," for such purposes.

Section 4. As used in this act:

"Community development programs" means any service provided on either a single or multi-single or multi-municipal level which would address the following recognized social, economic and environmental needs of cities, towns and smaller urban communities; the elimination of slums and blight; the elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare; the conservation and expansion of housing; the expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community services; a more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential,

commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers; the reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods through the spatial deconcentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income; and the restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or esthetic reasons. Home Rule municipalities may define the term "community development programs" within their powers under a Home Rule Charter.

"Municipality" means a county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or any other similar general purpose unit of government which shall hereafter be created by the General Assembly, except that section 2 of this act shall not apply to a city of the first class.

"Social service programs" means any service provided on either a single or multi-municipal level which would address the following recognized needs of the poor, disabled or the aged: children's services, including day care; health services, including alcohol and drug addiction; housing and homemaker services; senior opportunities and services; consumer services; migrant services; youth services; sheltered workshops for the handicapped; hot meals for older adults; rehabilitation of low to middle income housing; family planning. Home Rule municipalities may define the term "social service programs" within their powers under a Home Rule Charter.

"Sites of established historical, architectural or esthetic value" means a site registered on the List of Historical Sites by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Office of Historical Preservation and maintained either by governmental, municipal or private nonprofit organizations.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of December, A. D. 1975.

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