

No. 1978-21

AN ACT

SB 749

Amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), entitled "An act to promote elimination of blighted areas and supply sanitary housing in areas throughout the Commonwealth; by declaring acquisition, sound replanning and redevelopment of such areas to be for the promotion of health, safety, convenience and welfare; creating public bodies corporate and politic to be known as Redevelopment Authorities; authorizing them to engage in the elimination of blighted areas and to plan and contract with private, corporate or governmental redevelopers for their redevelopment; providing for the organization of such authorities; defining and providing for the exercise of their powers and duties, including the acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain; the leasing and selling of property, including borrowing money, issuing bonds and other obligations and giving security therefor; restricting the interest of members and employes of authorities; providing for notice and hearing; supplying certain mandatory provisions to be inserted in contracts with redevelopers; prescribing the remedies of obligees of redevelopment authorities; conferring certain duties upon local planning commissions, the governing bodies of cities and counties, and on certain State officers, boards and departments," providing for notice to displaced persons.

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

Section 1. The act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the "Urban Redevelopment Law," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 19.1. Notice to Displaced Persons.—

(a) A redevelopment authority in a city of the first class intending to alter or demolish property in furtherance of authority projects or programs shall give timely notice to all occupants required by such alteration or demolition to vacate the property.

(b) Notice shall be given at the earliest practicable time prior to the dislocation of persons affected, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the alteration or demolition of the property.

(c) The form of notice shall include, but not be limited to, posters or other graphic materials of sufficient size and design as will reasonably draw attention and which will reasonably inform the occupants of the property of the impending alteration or demolition and the date by which the occupants must vacate the property. Posters or other graphic materials shall be posted on and about the property in sufficient numbers as to reasonably draw the attention of all occupants of the property.

(d) This section shall not be construed to relieve any authority of any duty to occupants of property as provided by law or regulation, including, but not limited to, the relocation assistance provisions of the act of June 22, 1964 (Sp.Sess., P.L.84, No.6), known as the "Eminent Domain Code," and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1978.

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