

No. 2012-72

AN ACT

SB 276

Amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), entitled "An act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a downtown area; and providing for report to General Assembly," further providing for powers and duties of the Department of General Services.

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

Section 1. Section 4(a) of the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), known as the Downtown Location Law, is amended to read:

Section 4. Powers and duties.

(a) Guidelines.—The department shall establish guidelines to encourage State agencies to locate all new office facilities in downtown areas. The guidelines shall include consideration of the following factors:

- (1) The requirements of the agency.
- (2) Servicing clientele needs.
- (3) Local economic considerations.
- (4) The availability of suitable space in a downtown area.
- (5) Competitiveness in the marketplace.
- (6) Cost to the Commonwealth.
- (7) Safety to persons using the office facility.
- (8) The availability of public transportation.
- (9) *Compatibility with the economic revitalization plan for the downtown area.*
- (10) *Local zoning ordinances.*
- (11) *The likelihood of natural disasters and preventative and emergency response measures thereto.*
- (12) *Comments from existing public and private sector organizations committed to community, downtown revitalization and historic preservation to be identified by the Department of Community and Economic Development.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A.D. 2012

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