

The board of trustees of each savings bank, upon approving such plan of merger or plan of consolidation in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall, by resolution, direct that the plan be submitted to a vote of the board at a designated regular or special meeting at least ten days thereafter.

Written notice shall, not less than ten days before such meeting, be given respectively to each shareholder of record or to each trustee who was not present at the meeting at which the resolution providing for the meeting was adopted [, unless, in the case of a bank, a bank and trust company, a trust company, or a national banking association, the plan of merger or consolidation contemplates an increase in the authorized capital of the constituent corporations, in which event sixty days' notice of such meeting shall be given to each shareholder]. The notice shall state the place, day, hour, and purpose of the meeting, and a copy or a summary of the plan of merger or plan of consolidation, as the case may be, shall be included in or enclosed with such notice.

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APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 98

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P. L. 991), 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," revising basic facts and policy, changing definition of "redeveloper" and "redevelopment," further defining the powers of an Authority, and extending and changing redevelopment proposal requirements.

Urban Rede-
velopment Law.

Section 2, and
clauses (l) and
(m), section 3,
act of May 24,
1945, P. L. 991,
amended.

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

Section 1. Section 2 and clauses (l) and (m) of section 3, act of May 24, 1945 (P. L. 991), known as the "Urban Redevelopment Law," are amended to read:

Section 2. Findings and Declaration of Policy.—It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative finding—

(a) That there exist in urban communities in this Commonwealth areas which have become blighted because of the unsafe, unsanitary, inadequate or overcrowded condition of the dwellings therein, or because of inadequate planning of the area, or excessive land coverage by the buildings thereon, or the lack of proper light and air and open space, or because of the defective design and arrangement of the buildings thereon, or faulty street or lot layout, or economically or socially undesirable land uses.

(b) That such conditions or a combination of some or all of them have and will continue to result in making such areas economic or social liabilities, harmful to the social and economic well-being of the entire communities in which they exist, depreciating values therein, reducing tax revenues, and thereby depreciating further the general community-wide values.

(c) That the foregoing conditions are beyond remedy or control by regulatory processes in certain blighted areas, or portions thereof, and cannot be effectively dealt with by private enterprise under existing law without the additional aids herein granted, and that such conditions exist chiefly in areas which are so subdivided into small parcels and in divided ownerships that their assembly for purposes of clearance, replanning and redevelopment is difficult and impossible without the effective public power of eminent domain.

(c.1) That certain blighted areas, or portions thereof, may require total acquisition, clearance and disposition, subject to continuing controls as provided in this act, since the prevailing condition of decay may make impracticable the reclamation of the area by rehabilitation, and that other blighted areas, or portion thereof, through the means provided in this act, may be susceptible to rehabilitation or a combination of clearance and disposition and rehabilitation in such manner that the conditions and evils hereinbefore enumerated may be eliminated or remedied.

(d) That the [acquisition and sound] replanning and redevelopment of such areas in accordance with sound and approved plans for their redevelopment will promote the public health, safety, convenience and welfare.

Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants thereof by the creation of bodies corporate and politic to be known as Redevelopment Authorities, which shall exist and operate for the public purposes of [acquiring and replanning such areas and of holding or disposing of them in such manner that they shall become available for economically and socially sound redevelopment] *the elimination of blighted areas through economically and socially sound redevelopment of such areas, as provided by this act, in conformity with the comprehensive general plans of their respective municipalities for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial or other purposes, and otherwise encouraging the provision of healthful homes, a decent living environment and adequate places for employment of the people of this Commonwealth.* Such purposes are hereby declared to be public uses for which public money may be spent, and private property may be acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Section 3. Definitions.—The following terms where used in this act, shall have the following meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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* (1) "Redeveloper."—Any individual, partnership or public or private corporation that shall enter or propose to enter into a contract with an Authority for the redevelopment of an area, *or any portion thereof, or any building or structure thereon*, under the provisions of this act.

(m) "Redevelopment."—[The acquisition, replanning, clearance, rehabilitation or rebuilding of an area for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial or other purposes, including the provision of streets, parks, recreational areas and other open spaces.] *Undertakings and activities for the elimination of blighted areas. Such undertakings and activities may include the planning, replanning, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement, clearance, sale, lease or other disposition of land, buildings or other improvements in blighted areas, or portions thereof, or any combination of such undertakings and activities, the installation, construction or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the blighted area the objectives of this act in accordance with the redevelopment area plan, and carrying out plans for a program of voluntary repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements in accordance with the redevelopment area plan.*

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* "(e)" in original.

Clauses (b) and (k), section 9, act of May 24, 1945, P. L. 991, clause (k) amended July 27, 1953, P. L. 622, amended.

Section 2. Clauses (b) and (k) of section 9 of the act, clause (k) amended July 27, 1953 (P. L. 622), are amended to read:

Section 9. Powers of an Authority.—An Authority shall constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this act, including the following powers in addition to those herein otherwise granted:

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(b) To study the recommendations of the planning commission for redevelopment of any area and to make its own additional investigations and recommendations thereon; to *initiate preliminary studies of possible redevelopment areas to make (1) plans for carrying out a program of voluntary repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements, (2) plans for the enforcement of laws, codes and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements, (3) plans for the relocation of persons (including families, business concerns and others) displaced by a redevelopment project, (4) preliminary plans outlining redevelopment activities for neighborhoods to embrace two or more redevelopment areas, and (5) preliminary surveys to determine if the undertaking and carrying out of a redevelopment project are feasible.*

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(k) To sell, lease or otherwise transfer any real property located outside of a redevelopment area and, subject to approval by the local governing body, any *real property in a redevelopment area* [, either as an entirety to a single redeveloper or in parts to several developers]: Provided, That with respect to a redevelopment area the Authority finds that the sale, lease or other transfer of of any [such] part will not be prejudicial to the sale or lease of the other parts of the redevelopment area, nor be in any other way prejudicial to the realization of the redevelopment proposal approved by the governing body.

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Subsection (g), section 10, of the act amended.

Section 3. Subsection (g) of section 10 of the act is amended to read:

Section 10. Preparation and Adoption of Redevelopment Proposal.—

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(g) The governing body upon receipt of the redevelopment proposal and the recommendation, if any, of the planning commission shall hold a public hearing upon said proposal. Notice of the time, place and purpose of

such hearing shall be published at least once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the field of operation of the Authority, the time of the hearing to be at least ten days from the last publication of notice. The notice shall describe *that portion of the redevelopment area affected by the proposal* by boundaries and by city block, street and house number. The redevelopment proposal with such maps, plans, contracts or other documents as form part of said proposal, together with the recommendation, if any, of the planning commission and supporting data shall be available for public inspection for at least ten days prior to the hearing.

At the hearing the governing body shall afford an opportunity to all persons or agencies interested to be heard and shall receive, make known and consider recommendations in writing with reference to the redevelopment proposal.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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No. 99

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P. L. 90), entitled "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, for the payment of certain license fees to the respective municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," permitting liquor licensees to elect to operate under daylight saving time when such time is generally being observed in that municipality.

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

Liquor Code.

Section 1. Section 406, act of April 12, 1951 (P. L. 90), known as the "Liquor Code," is amended to read:

Section 406, act of April 12, 1951, P. L. 90, amended.

Section 406. Sales by Liquor Licensees; Restrictions.—Every hotel, restaurant or club liquor licensee may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages by the glass, open