

## No. 265

## AN ACT

HB 1531

Amending the act of May 20, 1949 (P. L. 1633), entitled, as amended, "An act providing and regulating State assistance for housing, including redevelopment; and making an appropriation," revising the declaration of policy, changing the definition of "redevelopment," adding the definition of "municipality," and authorizing grants to municipalities or to redevelopment authorities for the prevention and elimination of blight and for carrying out comprehensive programs for the development of entire sections or neighborhoods.

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

Section 1. The title, act of May 20, 1949 (P. L. 1633), reenacted and amended April 12, 1956 (P. L. 1449), known as the "Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law," is amended to read:

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Providing and regulating State assistance for housing [, including] and redevelopment, including comprehensive programs for the development of entire sections or neighborhoods; and making an appropriation.

Section 2. Clause (e) and the last paragraph of section 2 of the act are amended, and said section 2 is amended by adding after said clause (e) two new clauses to read:

Section 2. Declaration of Policy.—It has been determined by the General Assembly of this Commonwealth—

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(e) That it has been found and declared in the Urban Redevelopment Law that there exists in urban communities in this Commonwealth areas which have become blighted, that such conditions are beyond remedy or control by regulatory processes in certain blighted areas or portions thereof and cannot be effectively dealt with under existing law without additional aid, and that the public interest requires the remedying of these conditions.

(f) 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 or conservation, and that other blighted areas, or portions thereof, through the means provided in this act, may be susceptible to re-

habilitation or conservation or a combination of clearance and disposition and rehabilitation or conservation in such manner that the conditions and evils hereinbefore enumerated may be eliminated or remedied.

(g) It is hereby found that concentrated enforcement of building, housing, plumbing, electrical, fire and zoning codes will also promote the public health, safety, convenience and welfare.

Therefore, it is declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote the health, morals, safety and welfare of its inhabitants by providing for State assistance to tenants of limited income through a contribution to the cost of housing projects to be erected and offered for occupancy at moderate rentals as a means of making such housing available to them at rentals within their ability to pay, and by assisting the communities of this Commonwealth in remedying the conditions set forth in the Urban Redevelopment Law and for carrying out comprehensive programs for the development of entire sections or neighborhoods by making grants to municipalities or redevelopment authorities.

Section 3. Clause (g) of section 3 of the act is amended, and said section is also amended by adding at the end thereof a new clause, to read:

Section 3. Definitions.—The following words, terms and phrases, where used or referred to in this act, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

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(g) “Redevelopment,” any work or undertaking of a redevelopment authority created pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law of this Commonwealth, including comprehensive programs for the development of entire sections or neighborhoods.

(h) “Municipality,” any county, city, borough, incorporated town or township.

Section 4. Sections 4 and 14 of the act are amended to read:

Section 4. Grant Authorization.—The department is hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided, (a) to make capital grants in the furtherance of housing development and to assist the construction and operating of housing projects through the payment of such grants by contracting with governmental agencies or authorities such as housing authorities and urban redevelopment authorities, or with limited dividend housing corporations, insurance companies, or any other private, public or semi-public

agencies, firms or corporations providing adequate surety, acceptable to the department, guaranteeing continuity of operation throughout the term of its contract, and (b) to make capital grants to redevelopment authorities in the furtherance of redevelopment, and (c) to make capital grants to municipalities or to redevelopment authorities for the prevention and elimination of blight.

There shall be no discrimination against any person because of race, color, religion or national origin in the rental or occupancy of any housing constructed under the provisions of this act.

Section 14. Redevelopment Proposals.—The governing body of a political subdivision may, by formal resolution, inform the department that it desires some or all of the State funds provided by this act and available for allocation in that area for redevelopment [of blighted areas] or for the prevention or elimination of blight rather than directly on subsidized construction of rental housing. If such action is taken by the governing body, a certified copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the department and supplemented by a proposal of the governing body, which shall set forth the use to be made of any funds allocated [to a redevelopment authority] therefor, and the amount of funds required. The use of said funds shall be for the purposes set forth in section 4 (b) or section 4 (c) of this act and without limiting the generality of the foregoing may be used for local contributions required by any Federal [redevelopment law.] program for redevelopment or program for the prevention or elimination of blight.

Unless and until said resolution is revoked, the department shall not enter into contractual relations regarding housing projects which would otherwise utilize the funds available for allocation in that political subdivision and proposed for expenditure on [urban] redevelopment or the prevention or elimination of blight by the governing body of the political subdivision: Provided, however, That if no satisfactory redevelopment proposal or a proposal to prevent and eliminate blight results within a reasonable time, as determined by the department, said funds, after due notice to the governing body of the political subdivision, may be made available for other purposes authorized by this act.

The department shall review the proposal and if satisfied that the proposal is in accordance with the purposes of this act shall, with the approval of the Governor, enter into a grant agreement with the redevelopment authority or with the municipality subject to the condition that the grant be used in accordance with the terms of the

proposal. The time of payment of the grant [to the redevelopment authority] shall be set forth in the grant agreement.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of November, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 266

AN ACT

HB 1661

Amending the act of July 17, 1961 (P. L. 659), entitled "An act relating to bituminous coal mines; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; providing for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith; prescribing powers and duties in connection therewith; prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws," excepting certain mobile belt conveyor equipment from ventilation requirements under certain circumstances.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 242, act of July 17, 1961 (P. L. 659), known as the "Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Act," is amended to read:

Section 242. Ventilation Requirements.—\* \* \*

(c) Where belt conveyors are installed, main stoppings and regulators shall be so arranged as to reduce the quantity of air traveling in the belt conveyor entry to a minimum for effective ventilation and to provide an intake air split as an escapeway from the face area to the main air current.

This provision does not apply to approved mobile belt conveyors when such are considered part of the equipment required for face mining operations, provided doors are installed in all stoppings between the two belt conveyor entries to provide an escapeway in cases of fire, smoke, or any other emergency, providing the application submitted by the operator has the approval of a Commission of Mine Inspectors designated by the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries.

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