No. 1978-284

AN ACT

HB 1097

Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No. 247), entitled, as amended, "An act to empower cities of the second class A, and third class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of the first and second classes including those within a county of the second class and counties of the second class A through eighth classes, individually or jointly, to plan their development and to govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances, planned residential development and other ordinances, by official maps, by the reservation of certain land for future public purpose and by the acquisition of such land; providing for the establishment of planning commissions, planning departments, planning committees and zoning hearing boards, authorizing them to charge fees, make inspections and hold public hearings; providing for appropriations, appeals to courts and penalties for violations; and repealing acts and parts of acts," further providing for zoning purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 604, act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," is amended by adding a clause to read:

Section 604. Zoning Purposes.—The provisions of zoning ordinances shall be designed:

(3) To preserve prime agriculture and farmland considering topography, soil type and classification, and present use.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of November, A. D. 1978.

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