

in such statement are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Section 9. The Secretary of Public Welfare shall cause a one-year study to investigate the services of additional types of personnel who engage in the independent practice of furnishing health services which might be included within the purview of this act and shall report its findings within a year.

Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 274

AN ACT

HB 1527

Amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P. L. 1688), entitled "An act to promote the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth by broadening the market for low-priced private homes and alleviating shortages thereof, and by assisting in the provision of housing for elderly persons through the creation of the Pennsylvania Housing Agency as a public corporation and government instrumentality; providing for the organization, membership and administration of the agency, prescribing its general powers and duties and the manner in which its funds are kept and audited, empowering the agency to make housing loans to eligible mortgagors upon the security of insured mortgages, defining eligible mortgagors and providing for priorities among them in certain instances, prescribing interest rates and other terms of housing loans, permitting the agency to make agreements with financial institutions and Federal agencies, permitting the agency to sell housing loans, providing for the promulgation of regulations and forms by the agency, prescribing penalties for furnishing false information, empowering the agency to borrow money upon its own credit by the issuance and sale of bonds and notes and by giving security therefor, permitting the refunding, redemption and purchase of such obligations by the agency, prescribing remedies of holders of such bonds and notes, exempting bonds and notes of the agency, the income therefrom, and the income and revenues of the agency from taxation, except transfer, death and gift taxes; making such bonds and notes legal investments for certain purposes; and indicating how the act shall become effective," amplifying the declaration of policy to include cooperation with and assistance to the Department of Community Affairs, further prescribing agency powers and authorizing agency bonds as security for agency moneys and redefining eligible mortgagor.

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

Section 1. Clause (7) of section 102, and clause (5) of section 205, act of December 3, 1959 (P. L. 1688), known as the "Housing Agency Law," are amended to read:

Section 102. Findings and Declaration of Policy.—It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative finding that—

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(7) Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote the health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants by the creation of a body corporate and politic, to be known as the "Pennsylvania Housing Agency," which shall exist and operate for the purposes of alleviating the hardship which results from insufficient production of low-priced private homes and of housing for elderly persons, the hardship resulting from the relocation of persons displaced by governmental action, the deleterious effect of inadequate housing upon the general welfare of the Commonwealth, and the disadvantages, resulting from economic conditions, which bar private industry from satisfying a vital need, by broadening the market for low-priced homes and for housing for elderly persons through the provision of specialized financing secured by insured mortgages to persons or to agencies who are unable to obtain such financing in the general market, and through cooperation with and assistance to the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs as such department carries into effect the powers and duties vested in it, thus improving and stimulating the distribution of investment capital for housing. Such purposes are public purposes for which public money may be spent.

Section 205. Agency Powers.—The agency shall have the following powers:

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(5) To accept grants-in-aid, gifts, donations, legacies or usages of money made or extended by individuals, organizations, public or private corporations, departments or instrumentalities of the Commonwealth, or the Federal government, and to return money advanced for its usage not otherwise required for its purposes or for the Capital Reserve Fund created in accordance with section 508 of this act.

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Section 2. Section 205 of the act is amended by adding after clause (7), a new clause to read:

Section 205. Agency Powers.—The agency shall have the following powers:

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(7.1) To cooperate with and assist the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs as such department carries into effect the powers and duties vested in it.

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Section 3. Clause (13) of section 205 and section 206 of the act are amended to read:

Section 205. Agency Powers.—The agency shall have the following powers:

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(13) To conduct housing studies and to enter into contracts with the Department of Community Affairs and to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by this act or other acts.

Section 206. Agency Moneys.—All moneys of the agency from whatever source derived shall be paid to the treasurer of the agency and deposited in the first instance in one or more banks or trust companies, in one or more special accounts, each continuously secured by pledge of direct obligations of the United States of America or of the Commonwealth, or bonds of the agency, having an aggregate market value, exclusive of accrued interest, at all times, at least equal to the balance on deposit in the account. The security shall be either deposited with the treasurer or held by a trustee or agent satisfactory to the agency. All banks and trust companies are authorized to give the security required. The moneys of the agency shall be paid out on the warrant or other order of the treasurer of the agency or of another person authorized by the agency to execute warrants or orders. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the agency shall have power to contract with the holders of any of its bonds or notes as to the custody, security and payment of any moneys of the agency or any moneys held in trust or otherwise to secure the payment of bonds or notes. Deposits of moneys held in trust or otherwise to secure the payment of bonds or notes may be secured in the same manner as moneys of the agency and all banks and trust companies are authorized to give security for such deposits.

Section 4. Paragraph (ii) of subclause (a) of clause (4) of section 301 of the act, amended September 23, 1961 (P. L. 1616), is amended to read:

Section 301. Housing Loans, Special Definitions.—As used in this act—

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(4) “Eligible mortgagor” means:

(a) In the case of a dwelling unit owned on a noncooperative basis, a married couple or individual to whom a housing loan is provided under this article, and shall include only those persons,

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(ii) Whose income is not higher than the highest annual income level in the [middle third] lower half of nonfarm family annual incomes as classified by the agency on the basis of statistical data obtained from agencies of the Commonwealth or from Federal agencies.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

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