No. 112

AN ACT

SB 1009

Amending the act of May 2, 1945 (P.L.382, No.164), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties and townships; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Authorities heretofore or hereafter incorporated; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over rates," enlarging powers of the Authority with regard to contracts for insurance, hospitalization and medical services and annuities and establishment of pension plans.

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

Section 1. Clause (q) of subsection B of section 4, act of May 2, 1945 (P.L.382, No. 164) known as the "Municipality Authorities Act of 1945," amended June 12, 1947 (P.L.571, No.249), is amended to read:

Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General. - * * *

- Every Authority is hereby granted, and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:
- (q) [To enter into contracts of group insurance for the benefit of its employes, and to set up a retirement or pension fund for such employes.] To make contracts of insurance with any insurance company, association or exchange authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, insuring its employes and appointed officers and officials under an individual policy or policies of insurance covering life, accidental death and dismemberment, and disability income or under a policy or policies of group insurance covering life, accidental death and dismemberment, and disability income provided that statutory requirements for such group insurance, including but not limited to requisite number of eligible employes and/or appointed officers and officials, are met as provided for in section 621.2 of the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as "The Insurance Company Law of 1921," and sections 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9 of the act of May 11, 1949 (P.L.1210, No.367).

To make contracts with any insurance company, association or exchange or any hospital plan corporation or professional health-service. corporation authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, insuring or covering its employes and/or their dependents (but not its appointed officers and officials nor their dependents) for hospital and/or medical benefits; and to contract for its employes (but not its appointed officers and officials) with any insurance company, association or exchange authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania granting annuities or to establish, maintain, operate and administer its own pension plan covering its employes (but not its appointed officers and officials).

For such purposes, to agree to pay part or all of the cost thereof including the premiums or charges for carrying such contracts, and to appropriate out of its treasury any money necessary to pay such costs, premiums or charges, or portions thereof. The proper officers of the authority having authority to enter into such contracts are hereby authorized, enabled and permitted to deduct from the officers' or employes' pay, salary or compensation such part of the premium or cost as is payable by the officer or employe and as may be so authorized by the officer or employe in writing.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 17th day of June, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 112.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

C. RELaver Pucker