

No. 1980-140

AN ACT

HB 200

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals, and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; providing for the organization of such housing authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor; prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities; authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements, including agreements with the United States, the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained by such housing authorities; exempting the property and securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning Board, and certain other State officers and departments," providing certain additional powers to housing authorities in cities of the first class.

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

Section 1. Section 10, act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the "Housing Authorities Law," is amended by adding a clause to read:

Section 10. 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 purpose and provisions of this act, including the following powers, in addition to others herein granted:

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(ff) In the city of the first class, to appoint security officers who shall have the same rights, powers and duties as police officers in the Commonwealth in and upon the grounds and buildings of the Authority and in instances of hot pursuit within the boundaries of the city of the first class and who shall be authorized to arrest persons for the commission of any offense and the keepers of the jails and other places of detention in the city of the first class shall receive all persons arrested by such security officers for purposes of detention until they are dealt with according to law: Provided, however, That such security officers successfully complete the course of instruction provided under the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law. The Authority shall, to the maximum extent practicable, give preference in hiring security officers

first to any person living in public housing and receiving any form of State or Federal public assistance, and second, to any other person living in public housing.

Section 2. Nothing in this amendatory act shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal a collective bargaining agreement now or hereafter entered into between such security officers and its employe organization or representative under the authority of the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe Relations Act."

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of October, A. D. 1980.

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