

No. 2001-63

AN ACT

HB 1431

Authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and other interests situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, to the Sports and Exhibition Authority.

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

Section 1. Authorization to convey David L. Lawrence Convention Center and other interests.

(a) **Authorization.**—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized and directed on behalf of the Commonwealth:

(1) To grant and convey to the Sports and Exhibition Authority created under Article XXV-A of the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, for a consideration of \$1, the tract of land, with the structures, facilities, buildings, fixtures and improvements erected thereon, situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and known as the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, as described by a deed dated July 1, 1975, and recorded in the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds Office, July 25, 1975, in Deed Book Volume 5509, Page 13.

(2) To grant and convey, by quitclaim deed, to the Sports and Exhibition Authority created under Article XXV-A of the Second Class County Code, for a consideration of \$1, any property or interests near or adjacent to the convention center within the boundary of Garrison Place, the low tide line of the Allegheny River, the eastern boundary line of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, as described by a deed dated July 1, 1975, and recorded in the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds Office, July 25, 1975, in Deed Book Volume 5509, Page 13, and Penn Avenue that are acquired by the Commonwealth prior to the date of the conveyance.

(b) **Easements.**—The conveyances shall be made under and subject to all lawful and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others, including, but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, sewer, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and enforceable interest, estates or tenancies vested in third persons appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(c) **Labor contracts.**—The Sports and Exhibition Authority shall be bound by the terms of any labor contracts relating to the convention center

that are in effect at the time of its conveyance to the Sports and Exhibition Authority.

(d) Report.—

(1) The authority shall, no later than the start of each fiscal year, prepare a comprehensive annual report of its activities and operations for the previous year relating to contractual arrangements between the authority and minority-owned and -operated businesses and women-owned and -operated businesses. The report shall include:

(i) The names and addresses of minority-owned and -operated businesses and women-owned and -operated businesses with which the authority has entered into contracts and the nature of those contracts.

(ii) A description of any program or procedures used by the authority to identify minority-owned and -operated businesses and women-owned and -operated businesses which could meet the contractual needs of the authority. The authority shall delineate efforts used to identify minority-owned and -operated businesses and women-owned and -operated businesses that are located within and outside the authority's locality.

(iii) An evaluation of the authority's efforts to include minority-owned and -operated businesses and women-owned and -operated businesses in its contractual arrangements.

(2) The authority shall forward a copy of the annual report each year to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

(e) Execution.—The deeds shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth.

(f) Costs and fees.—Costs and fees incidental to the conveyances shall be borne by the grantee.

(g) Hotel tax revenues not affected.—The conveyance of the convention center under this section shall not affect the availability of the revenues from the hotel tax authorized in section 1970.2 of the Second Class County Code to fund the operational and maintenance expenditures of the convention center.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A.D. 2001.

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