

No. 2012-8

AN ACT

SB 923

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," further providing for powers of an authority.

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

Section 1. Section 10(ee) of the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, added October 4, 1978 (P.L.1008, No.215), is amended 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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(ee) In a *county of the second class and* city of the second class, to appoint police officers who shall **[have the same rights, powers and duties as other peace officers in the Commonwealth]** *exercise the same powers that may be exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the municipalities wherein the Authority is located, including, but not limited to, those powers conferred pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 89 Subch. D (relating to municipal police jurisdiction)* with respect to the property and enforcing order on and adjacent to the grounds and buildings of the Authority: Provided, That said police officers complete the same course of instruction as is required for municipal police officers by **[the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law]** *53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training) and receive certification by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission as having*

completed the instruction. Said police officers shall maintain the certification as a condition of employment as police officers for the Authority.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of February, A.D. 2012

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