

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2379 Session of  
2014

INTRODUCED BY MASSER, GODSHALL AND GINGRICH, JUNE 24, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 24, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further  
3 providing for purposes and powers.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5607(b)(2) introductory paragraph of  
7 Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to  
8 read:

9 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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11 (b) Limitations.--This section is subject to the following  
12 limitations:

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14 (2) The purpose and intent of this chapter being to  
15 benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other  
16 things, increasing their commerce, health, safety and  
17 prosperity and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere  
18 with existing business by the establishment of  
19 competitive enterprises, none of the powers granted by

1       this chapter shall be exercised in the construction,  
2       financing, improvement, maintenance, extension or  
3       operation of any project or projects or providing  
4       financing for insurance reserves which in whole or in  
5       part shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises  
6       serving substantially the same purposes. The performance  
7       of testing procedures required by Federal or State law  
8       shall be considered a competitive enterprise if the  
9       procedures are performed by a water or sanitary sewer  
10      authority on behalf of another water or sanitary sewer  
11      authority; and an existing private business charging  
12      competitive rates is qualified to perform the testing  
13      procedures and is located within the service area of  
14      either authority. This limitation shall not apply to the  
15      exercise of the powers granted under this section:

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17      Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.