

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 277 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY YAW, STEFANO, BAKER AND VOGEL, JANUARY 31, 2023

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, JANUARY 31, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), entitled "An
 2 act providing for the revitalization of rural Pennsylvania;
 3 establishing the Center for Rural Pennsylvania; providing for
 4 rural education partnerships and adult literacy programs;
 5 allocating funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce
 6 for a Regional Center for Continuing Education of Health
 7 Science Practitioners in western Pennsylvania; making
 8 appropriations; and making a repeal," in Center for Rural
 9 Pennsylvania, further providing for board of directors; and
 10 making a repeal.

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

13 Section 1. Section 302(a) of the act of June 30, 1987
 14 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization
 15 Act, is amended to read:

16 Section 302. Board of directors.

17 (a) Members.--The Center for Rural Pennsylvania shall be
 18 governed by a board of directors which shall consist of [11
 19 members.] members appointed as follows:

20 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 21 appoint two members from the House of Representatives, one
 22 from the majority party and one from the minority party.

1 (2) The President pro tempore of the Senate shall
2 appoint two members from the Senate, one from the majority
3 party and one from the minority party.

4 (3) Two members shall be representatives of universities
5 in the State System of Higher Education. [One member]

6 (4) Two members shall be from The Pennsylvania State
7 University[.], one of whom shall be from Penn State
8 Extension.

9 (5) One member shall be from the University of
10 Pittsburgh. [One member shall be the Director of the
11 Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development.]

12 (6) The Governor shall appoint two members from among
13 the memberships of the following Statewide organizations:
14 Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, Pennsylvania [Grange
15 Association] State Grange and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

16 (7) One member shall be from the Northern Pennsylvania
17 Regional College.

18 (8) One member shall be from the Pennsylvania College of
19 Technology.

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21 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

22 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
23 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
24 section 302(a) (7) and (8) of the act.

25 (2) Section 311 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
26 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
27 repealed.

28 Section 3. The addition of section 302(a) (7) and (8) of the
29 act is a continuation of section 311 of the act of April 9, 1929
30 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

1 Except as otherwise provided in the addition of section 302(a)
2 (7) or (8) of the act, all activities initiated under section
3 311 of The Administrative Code of 1929 shall continue and remain
4 in full force and effect and may be completed under section
5 302(a)(7) or (8) of the act. Orders, regulations, rules and
6 decisions which were made under section 311 of The
7 Administrative Code of 1929 and in effect on the effective date
8 of section 2(2) of this act shall remain in full force and
9 effect until revoked, vacated or modified under section 302(a)
10 (7) or (8) of the act. Contracts, obligations and collective
11 bargaining agreements entered into under section 311 of The
12 Administrative Code of 1929 are not affected nor impaired by the
13 repeal of section 311 of The Administrative Code of 1929.

14 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.