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AMENDMENT SUMMARY – A10034
House Bill 1825, Printer's Number 2339
Sponsor: Baker

Amendment Analysis

The amendment provides for various Commonwealth land conveyances and easements.

Section 1.

Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to grant and convey property by six separate quitclaim deeds in Curtin Township, Centre County. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits use of the property for a licensed gaming facility. The deeds of conveyance shall be by quitclaim deed and for no consideration. All costs and fees incidental to the conveyances shall be borne by their respective parties.

Section 2

Authorizes the Department of General Services (DGS) to grant and convey to the Centre County Industrial Development Corporation certain lands situated in Benner Township, Centre County for \$241,861. The property to be conveyed consists of two tracts of land containing approximately 32.06 acres. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits use of the property for a licensed gaming facility. Costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the Grantee.

Section 3

Authorizes the Department of General Services to grant and convey a permanent utility easement across certain lands at Indiana University of Pennsylvania situated in White Township, Indiana County for \$1. The permanent utility easement consists of 18,495 square feet. Costs and fees incidental to the conveyance shall be borne by the Grantee.

Section 4

Authorizes the Department of General Services to remove and release the restrictive use covenants imposed on certain real property conveyed by the Commonwealth to North Penn Comprehensive Health Services which is located in the Borough of Blossburg, Tioga County.

The bill authorizes DGS to release approximately 8.766 acres, formerly known as the Blossburg State General Hospital, under the authority contained in Act 173 of 1986 and upon payment of \$440,000 to DGS by Laurel Health Systems. Any costs and fees associated with the removal of the restrictive use will be borne by the grantee.

Section 5

Authorizes the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to convey 0.51 acres by competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Canonsburg. Proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund. Cost and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the Grantee.

Section 6

Authorizes the Department of General Services to grant and convey to VARHA, Inc. (formerly known as Venango Area Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc.) 8.14 acres of land in Polk Borough, Venango County for \$11,750. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits use of the property for a licensed gaming facility. The amendment allows DGS to dispose of the property through auction or competitive sealed bid if the agreement of sale with VARHA is not executed within 2 years of the bill's effective date.

Section 7

Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to convey to Ohiopyle Borough certain Project 70 lands situate in Ohiopyle Borough and conveying land to the Commonwealth to be added to existing lands at Ohiopyle State Park. This conveyance was approved as part of Act 43 of 2011. This amendment provides for a 12 month time extension for execution of the conveyance.

Section 8

Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to convey a 4.19 acre parcel of land in Lebanon County in exchange for receiving an 11.9 acre parcel of land to be added to Swatara State Park. This conveyance was approved as part of Act 43 of 2011. The amendment provides for a 12 month time extension for execution of the conveyance.