



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 486 Printer's No. 426

Prime Sponsor: Senator Argall
Committee: Urban Affairs and Housing

SYNOPSIS:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, authorizing an additional fee to be imposed and used for demolition of dilapidated buildings on blighted property; and making an editorial change.

SUMMARY:

This legislation that would allow counties to apply a fee through the Recorder of Deeds office of up to \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded to be used for a demolition program.

Currently, many counties across Pennsylvania are facing a major problem dealing with blighted properties. Some of these properties are beyond repair and are in need of demolition. Many counties lack these needed funds to tear down these eyesores and, in some cases, safety hazards.

This legislation would change the Record of Deeds Fee Law to add an additional fee on each deed and mortgage recorded to be used strictly for demolition within that county.

According to the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee Final Report offered at the conclusion of last session, many advocates suggested that a lack of funding is the key issue that prevents sustained growth and ideal land use management in our communities. My goal is to provide counties with an opportunity to address this serious concern.

This legislation will be similar to Senate Bill 1427 of 2014, which was approved by the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee. Co-sponsors of last session's proposal included Senators Brewster, Kitchen, Washington, Williams, Kasunic, Pileggi, Wozniak, Solobay, Yudichak, Tartaglione and Brubaker.

Effective Date: This act shall take effect in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Previously introduced as Senate Bill 1427 of 2014; Passed the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee in 2014 (10-1)

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