THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 920

Session of 2025

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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JULY 15, 2025

AN ACT

- Amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions 2 regarding condominiums, further providing for applicability 3 of local ordinances, regulations and building codes; in 4 creation, alteration and termination of condominiums, further 5 providing for creation of condominium; in general provisions 6 7 regarding cooperatives, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes; in creation, alteration and termination of cooperatives, further 8 9 providing for creation of cooperative ownership; in general 10 11 provisions regarding planned communities, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and 12 building codes; and, in creation, alteration and termination 13 of planned communities, further providing for creation of 14 planned community. 15 16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 17 hereby enacts as follows: 18 Section 1. Section 3106 of Title 68 of the Pennsylvania 19 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read: 20 § 3106. Applicability of local ordinances, regulations and 21 building codes. 2.2 23 (a.1) Annual report. -- Consistent with the requirements under section 207(a) of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), 24
- 25 known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, a

- 1 planning agency of the county in which any portion of a
- 2 <u>condominium is located shall prepare annually and maintain a</u>
- 3 report identifying each condominium created and located within
- 4 the municipality by the condominium's name and physical location
- 5 and shall include:
- 6 (1) the total land area and number of units of the
- 7 condominium; and
- 8 (2) to the extent reasonably available within the county
- government, the infrastructure of each condominium, including
- 10 <u>information concerning the presence of sanitary sewer, water</u>
- 11 and storm water systems, recreation facilities and roadways.
- 12 * * *
- 13 Section 2. Sections 3201 and 4106 of Title 68 are amended to
- 14 read:
- 15 § 3201. Creation of condominium.
- A condominium may be created pursuant to this subpart only by
- 17 recording a declaration executed, in the same manner as a deed,
- 18 by all persons whose interests in the real estate will be
- 19 conveyed to unit owners and by every lessor of a lease the
- 20 expiration or termination of which will terminate the
- 21 condominium or reduce its size, provided, however, in any such
- 22 lease wherein the lessor is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a
- 23 municipal government or any agency thereof, said lessor need not
- 24 execute the declaration if they shall have previously given
- 25 written consent to its filing and agreed to be bound by the
- 26 provisions of the Pennsylvania Uniform Condominium Act, in which
- 27 case said declaration shall be executed by the lessee then in
- 28 possession of the subject property. The declaration shall be
- 29 recorded in every county in which any portion of the condominium
- 30 is located in the same records as are maintained for the

- 1 recording of deeds of real property and shall be indexed against
- 2 each declarant as the grantor and the name of the condominium as
- 3 the grantee. <u>Upon the recording of the declaration</u>, the
- 4 <u>declarant shall submit to the planning agency of each county in</u>
- 5 which the declaration is recorded a statement identifying, by
- 6 name, physical location and municipality, the condominium
- 7 created, including the total land area and number of units as
- 8 well as the infrastructure of the condominium, including
- 9 <u>information concerning the presence of sanitary sewer, water and</u>
- 10 storm water systems, recreation facilities and roadways.
- 11 § 4106. Applicability of local ordinances, regulations and
- 12 building codes.
- 13 (a) General rule. -- A zoning, subdivision, building code or
- 14 other real estate tax or use law, ordinance or regulation may
- 15 not prohibit the cooperative form of ownership or impose any
- 16 requirement upon a cooperative which it would not impose upon a
- 17 physically identical development under a different form of
- 18 ownership. Otherwise, no provision of this subpart invalidates
- 19 or modifies any provision of any zoning, subdivision, building
- 20 code or other real estate tax or use law, ordinance or
- 21 regulation except as is otherwise provided in section 4321(f)
- 22 (relating to limited equity cooperatives).
- 23 (b) Annual report. -- Consistent with the requirements under
- 24 section 207(a) of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247),
- 25 known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, a
- 26 planning agency of the county in which any portion of a
- 27 <u>cooperative is located shall prepare annually and maintain a</u>
- 28 report identifying each cooperative created and located within
- 29 the municipality by the cooperative's name and physical location
- 30 <u>and shall include:</u>

- 1 (1) the total land area and number of units of the
- 2 cooperative; and
- 3 (2) to the extent reasonably available within the county
- 4 government, the infrastructure of each cooperative, including
- 5 <u>information concerning the presence of sanitary sewer, water</u>
- 6 and storm water systems, recreation facilities and roadways.
- 7 Section 3. Sections 4201 and 5106 of Title 68 are amended by
- 8 adding subsections to read:
- 9 § 4201. Creation of cooperative ownership.
- 10 * * *
- 11 <u>(a.1) Required disclosure.--Upon recording of the</u>
- 12 <u>declaration or any separate instrument under subsection (a), the</u>
- 13 <u>declarant or party recording the instrument shall submit to the</u>
- 14 planning agency of each county in which the declaration or
- 15 <u>instrument is recorded a statement identifying, by name,</u>
- 16 physical location and municipality, the cooperative created,
- 17 including the total land area and number of units as well as the
- 18 infrastructure of such cooperative, including information
- 19 concerning the presence of sanitary sewer, water and storm water
- 20 systems, recreation facilities and roadways.
- 21 * * *
- 22 § 5106. Applicability of local ordinances, regulations and
- building codes.
- 24 * * *
- 25 (a.1) Annual report. -- Consistent with the requirements under
- 26 section 207(a) of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247),
- 27 known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, a
- 28 planning agency of the county in which any portion of a planned
- 29 <u>community is located shall prepare annually and maintain a</u>
- 30 report identifying each planned community created and located

- 1 within the municipality by the community's name and physical
- 2 location and shall include:
- 3 (1) the total land area and number of units of the
- 4 planned community; and
- 5 (2) to the extent reasonably available within county
- 6 government, the infrastructure of each planned community,
- 7 <u>including information concerning the presence of sanitary</u>
- 8 sewer, water and storm water systems, recreation facilities
- 9 <u>and roadways.</u>
- 10 * * *
- 11 Section 4. Section 5201 of Title 68 is amended to read:
- 12 § 5201. Creation of planned community.
- 13 A planned community may be created pursuant to this subpart
- 14 only by recording a declaration executed in the same manner as a
- 15 deed by all persons whose interests in the real estate will be
- 16 conveyed to unit owners and by every lessor of a lease, the
- 17 expiration or termination of which will terminate the planned
- 18 community or reduce its size. If the lessor is the Commonwealth,
- 19 a municipal government or any agency of either, the lessor need
- 20 not execute the declaration if it has previously given written
- 21 notice of its filing and agreed to be bound by the provisions of
- 22 this subpart, in which case the declaration shall be executed by
- 23 the lessee in possession of the subject property. The
- 24 declaration must be recorded in every county in which any
- 25 portion of the planned community is located, must be indexed in
- 26 the same records as are notarized for the recording of a deed
- 27 and shall identify each declarant as the grantor and the name of
- 28 the planned community as grantee. Upon the recording of the
- 29 <u>declaration</u>, the <u>declarant shall submit to the planning agency</u>
- 30 of each county in which the declaration is recorded a statement

- 1 identifying, by name, physical location and municipality, the
- 2 planned community created, including the total land area and
- 3 <u>number of units as well as the infrastructure of such planned</u>
- 4 community, including information concerning the presence of
- 5 <u>sanitary sewer, water and storm water systems, recreation</u>
- 6 <u>facilities and roadways.</u>
- 7 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.