



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY
2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

SENATE BILL 1400

Senate Bill 1400, amending the Housing Finance Agency Law (Act 621 of 1959), appropriates \$10 million to fund the program creating the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Program to be administered by the PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). It provides financing for various projects that improve the quality of housing and creates the Community Advisory Committee within PHFA to oversee the development of programs and the awarding of funds authorized in this legislation. This act requires PHFA to adopt a plan that establishes program priorities, a funding distribution method, and to publish the proposed program plan in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and submit it to the relevant oversight committees in the Senate and House. PHFA is prohibited from using funds appropriated to PHARE to supplant existing Agency programs or efforts.