THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, KOTIK, DePASQUALE, CARROLL, BENNINGHOFF, BIANCUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, COHEN, CREIGHTON, GEIST, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MACKERETH, MCILHATTAN, R. MILLER, MUNDY, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PETRONE, RUBLEY, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, SURRA, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, SWANGER AND FREEMAN, MARCH 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 9, 2007

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, 2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, 3 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts 4 5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and 6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, 7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the 8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other 9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the 10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and 11 12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth 13 14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 18 19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of 20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of 21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every 22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State 23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and 24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or 26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws 27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 28 29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth, "further providing for ranking of local 30

- 1 government capital project loan applications.
- 2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 hereby enacts as follows:
- 4 Section 1. Section 1606-D of the act of April 9, 1929
- 5 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, added October 6,
- 6 1997 (P.L.387, No.46), is amended to read:
- 7 Section 1606-D. Ranking of Applications. -- Whenever the
- 8 department determines that there will not be enough money in the
- 9 fund to make loans to all of the municipalities expected to
- 10 submit eligible applications during an application period, the
- 11 department shall rank the applications in order of priority to
- 12 determine which loans shall be made first. A system of ranking
- 13 shall be established for the purposes of this section by
- 14 regulation and shall provide for consideration of factors such
- 15 as whether the municipality has previously received a loan
- 16 pursuant to this act; the financial condition of the
- 17 municipality; and the impact of the purchase of equipment or the
- 18 purchase, construction, renovation or rehabilitation of
- 19 facilities on the health, safety or welfare of the residents of
- 20 the municipality. The department shall give priority to projects
- 21 <u>that promote municipal cooperation</u>.
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.