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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 852**

Session of  
1977

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INTRODUCED BY RAPPAPORT, PIEVSKY, BARBER, DOMBROWSKI, IRVIS AND  
CAPUTO, MARCH 30, 1977

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 30, 1977

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AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce for  
2 financial assistance to certain local zoological gardens.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. The sum of \$600,000, or as much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Commerce  
7 for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, to be  
8 expended by making grants for the operation, maintenance and  
9 development of zoological gardens which are owned or operated or  
10 financially assisted by the municipality in which they are  
11 located.

12 Section 2. The amount of the grant to any zoological garden  
13 shall be determined by multiplying the number of visitors to  
14 that garden during the most recently completed calendar year, as  
15 certified to the Department of Commerce by the principal  
16 administrative officer of the zoological garden, by 30¢. In the  
17 event the amount herein appropriated shall be insufficient to  
18 pay the full amount of the grants computed as aforesaid, the

1 grant to each grant recipient shall be proportionately reduced.  
2 In no event shall the grant to any zoological garden exceed  
3 \$250,000.  
4 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.