
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 648

Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY AND DiCARLO, MARCH 13, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 13, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 31, 1978 (No.16A), entitled "An act to
2 provide for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and
3 Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and
4 for the public schools for the fiscal period July 1, 1978 to
5 June 30, 1979, and for the payment of bills incurred and
6 remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal period ending
7 June 30, 1978," increasing appropriations to the Auditor
8 General, the Departments of Treasury, Education,
9 Environmental Resources, Military Affairs, Public Welfare,
10 Revenue and State and adding appropriations for the
11 Departments of General Services and Justice.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. As much as relates to the appropriations to the
15 Auditor General, the Departments of Treasury, Education,
16 Environmental Resources, General Services, Justice, Military
17 Affairs, Public Welfare, Revenue and State in section 2, act of
18 May 31, 1978 (No.16A), known as the "General Appropriation Act
19 of 1978," are amended and appropriations are added to read:

20 Section 2. The following sums, or as much thereof as may be
21 necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from the General
22 Fund to the several hereinafter named agencies of the Executive,
23 Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the

1 payment of the salaries, wages or other compensation and travel
2 expense of the duly elected or appointed officers and employees
3 of the Commonwealth, for payment of fees of contractual services
4 rendered, for the purchase or rental of goods, services,
5 printing, equipment, land and buildings and for payment of any
6 other expenses, as provided by law or by this act, necessary for
7 the proper conduct of the duties, functions and activities and
8 for the purposes hereinafter set forth for the fiscal period
9 beginning July 1, 1978 and for the payment of bills incurred and
10 remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal period ending June
11 30, 1978.

12 I. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

13 * * *

14 To the Department of the Auditor General

15 * * *

16 For the salaries, wages and all necessary
17 expenses for the proper conduct of the following
18 activities:

19 * * *

20 Administration of the Board of Arbitration of	
21 Claims.....	[212,000]
22	<u>287,000</u>

23 To the Treasury Department

24 * * *

25 For the salaries, wages and all necessary
26 expenses for the proper conduct of the following
27 purposes and activities:

28 * * *

29 For the payment of replacement checks issued
30 in lieu of outstanding checks when presented and

1	to adjust errors.....	[50,000]
2		<u>353,000</u>
3	* * *	
4	For publishing statements of the General Fund	
5	and other funds of the Commonwealth.....	[17,000]
6		<u>36,000</u>
7	* * *	
8	To the Department of Education	
9	* * *	
10	For payments for tuition to school districts	
11	providing education to nonresident orphaned	
12	children placed in private homes by the court and	
13	nonresident inmates of children's institutions....	[8,750,000]
14		<u>10,658,000</u>
15	* * *	
16	To the Department of Environmental Resources	
17	* * *	
18	For reimbursement to municipalities toward	
19	the costs incurred by them in the enforcement of	
20	the Sewage Facilities Act.....	[1,000,000]
21		<u>1,595,000</u>
22	* * *	
23	To the Department of General Services	
24	* * *	
25	<u>For tort claims administration.....</u>	<u>40,000</u>
26	* * *	
27	To the Department of Justice	
28	* * *	
29	<u>For the convening of investigating grand juries</u>	
30	<u>pursuant to the act of November 22, 1978</u>	

1	(P.L.1148, No.271).....	<u>50,000</u>
2	Civil Law - Processing of tort claims.....	<u>80,000</u>
3	* * *	
4	To the Department of Military Affairs	
5	* * *	
6	For pensions for veterans blinded through	
7	service-connected injuries or disease.....	[80,000]
8		<u>85,000</u>
9	* * *	
10	To the Department of Public Welfare	
11	* * *	
12	For assistance payments and county administration	
13	of the public assistance programs and medical	
14	assistance programs:	
15	Medical assistance.....	[395,540,000]
16		<u>456,432,000</u>
17	Subject to Federal law and regulations, the	
18	department shall fix the reimbursement fees at	
19	an amount not less than that allowed for the	
20	previous fiscal year for out-patient hospital visits	
21	for those hospitals qualified to participate under	
22	Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act and	
23	meet the special criteria for clinic participation	
24	established by Medical Assistance Regulation 9412-11.	
25	No money shall be disbursed from this appro-	
26	priation to pay for, make reimbursement for, or	
27	otherwise to support the performance of any abortion	
28	except where the abortion is certified in writing	
29	by a physician to be necessary to save the life of	
30	the mother.	

1	Private nursing homes.....	[80,000,000]
2		<u>95,991,000</u>
3	For payment to private nursing homes for skilled	
4	nursing care and intermediate care for persons	
5	eligible for medical assistance services.	
6	No money shall be disbursed from this appropriation	
7	for services provided in hospital based long-term	
8	care facilities or long-term care units of acute	
9	care hospitals.	
10	Public nursing homes.....	[37,072,000]
11		<u>45,718,000</u>
12	* * *	
13	To the Department of Revenue	
14	* * *	
15	For the distribution of Public Utility Realty	
16	Tax.....	[34,000,000]
17		<u>38,241,000</u>
18	* * *	
19	To the Department of State	
20	* * *	
21	For publication of proposed constitutional	
22	amendments.....	[60,000]
23		<u>120,000</u>
24	* * *	
25	Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.	