

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 537 Session of 1989

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 21, 1989

AN ACT

1 Making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within
2 the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the
3 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, THE OFFICE OF
4 CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE;
5 AND PROVIDING FOR THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF
6 SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.

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7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 ~~Section 1. The following sums, or as much thereof as may be
10 necessary, are specifically appropriated from the restricted
11 revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal
12 augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
13 to provide for the operation of the commission for the fiscal
14 year July 1, 1988, to June 30, 1989, for the purposes and in the
15 amounts shown:~~

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16 \_\_\_\_\_ Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State

17 ~~(1) For the salaries, wages
18 and all necessary expenses for the~~

1 ~~proper operation and administration~~  
2 ~~of the Pennsylvania Public Utility~~  
3 ~~Commission.~~

4 ~~State appropriation.....~~ \$30,007,000

5 ~~(i) The following Federal~~  
6 ~~augmentation amounts, or as~~  
7 ~~much thereof as may be~~  
8 ~~necessary, are specifically~~  
9 ~~appropriated to supplement the~~  
10 ~~sum authorized to be billed to~~  
11 ~~utilities for the operation of~~  
12 ~~the commission:~~

13 ~~(A) "Natural Gas~~  
14 ~~Pipeline Safety" To~~  
15 ~~enforce the regulations of~~  
16 ~~the Natural Gas Pipeline~~  
17 ~~Safety Act.~~

18 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 115,000

19 ~~(B) "Railroad Safety"~~  
20 ~~For safety inspectors to~~  
21 ~~survey and patrol over~~  
22 ~~14,000 miles of trackage to~~  
23 ~~eliminate derailment and~~  
24 ~~provide safe rail travel.~~

25 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 110,000

26 ~~Any Federal funds which the~~  
27 ~~Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission~~  
28 ~~receives pursuant to these~~  
29 ~~appropriations shall not be credited~~  
30 ~~to any utility nor used to lower the~~

1 ~~annual assessment of any utility.~~

2 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1989, or~~  
3 ~~immediately, whichever is later.~~

4 SECTION 1. THE FOLLOWING SUMS, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE <—  
5 NECESSARY, ARE SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE RESTRICTED  
6 REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND FROM FEDERAL  
7 AUGMENTATION FUNDS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
8 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL  
9 YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990, FOR THE PURPOSES AND IN THE  
10 AMOUNTS SHOWN:

	FEDERAL	STATE
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19		\$25,512,000

20 (I) THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL  
21 AUGMENTATION AMOUNTS, OR AS  
22 MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE  
23 NECESSARY, ARE SPECIFICALLY  
24 APPROPRIATED TO SUPPLEMENT THE  
25 SUM AUTHORIZED TO BE BILLED TO  
26 UTILITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF  
27 THE COMMISSION:

28 (A) "NATURAL GAS  
29 PIPELINE SAFETY" - TO  
30 ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS OF

1 THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
2 SAFETY ACT.  
3 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 115,000  
4 (B) "RAILROAD SAFETY"  
5 - FOR SAFETY INSPECTORS TO  
6 SURVEY AND PATROL OVER  
7 14,000 MILES OF TRACKAGE TO  
8 ELIMINATE DERAILMENT AND  
9 PROVIDE SAFE RAIL TRAVEL.  
10 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 110,000

11 ANY FEDERAL FUNDS WHICH THE  
12 PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
13 RECEIVES PURSUANT TO THESE  
14 APPROPRIATIONS SHALL NOT BE CREDITED  
15 TO ANY UTILITY NOR USED TO LOWER THE  
16 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF ANY UTILITY.

17 FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL  
18 NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE CHAIRMAN  
19 AND THE COMMISSIONERS.

20 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 476,000

21 FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL  
22 NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER  
23 OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
24 BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT.  
25 FUNDING IS PROVIDED FOR CURRENT  
26 VACANCIES AND FOR TEN NEW ENFORCEMENT  
27 OFFICERS.

28 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 3,964,000

29 SECTION 2. THE SUM OF \$2,964,000 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM  
30 THE RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE

1 OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THAT  
2 OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990.

3 SECTION 3. (A) THE SUM OF \$503,000 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED  
4 FROM THE RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO  
5 THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 COMMERCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THAT OFFICE FOR THE  
7 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990, AND FOR REPAYMENT OF  
8 THE \$250,000 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE  
9 OPERATION OF THAT OFFICE IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
10 1989.

11 (B) DUE TO THE LACK OF ANY MEANINGFUL CASE DATA FOR CALENDAR  
12 YEAR 1988 FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, THE  
13 PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SHALL FOR PURPOSES OF  
14 LEVYING THE PUBLIC UTILITY ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-1990,  
15 USE THE CASE DATA DERIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
16 FOR THE 1988 CALENDAR YEAR IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ASSESSMENTS  
17 FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.

18 SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1989, OR  
19 IMMEDIATELY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.