

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 22, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 24, 1951 (P.L.1304, No.315),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act to improve local health
3 administration throughout the Commonwealth by authorizing the
4 creation, establishment and administration of single-county
5 or joint-county departments of health in all counties;
6 exempting certain municipalities from the jurisdiction of
7 single-county or joint-county departments of health;
8 permitting the dissolution of departments or boards of health
9 in certain municipalities; authorizing State grants to
10 counties which establish departments of health and to certain
11 municipalities if they meet prescribed requirements;
12 conferring powers and duties upon the State Department of
13 Health in connection with the creation, establishment and
14 administration of single-county or joint-county departments
15 of health and administration of the health laws in parts of
16 certain municipalities not subject to the jurisdiction of
17 single-county or joint-county departments of health, and the
18 administration of State grants; and repealing an act which
19 confers health powers upon counties of the first class,"
20 providing that the costs of operating county health
21 departments shall be paid by the Commonwealth; and making
22 repeals.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Sections 17, 20(b), 21 and 25 of the act of
26 August 24, 1951 (P.L.1304, No.315), known as the Local Health
27 Administration Law, are repealed.

1 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

2 Section 25.1. State Grants.--Notwithstanding any other
3 provisions of this act, every county department of health
4 created under this act and municipalities eligible for State
5 grants under the provisions of section 15 of this act shall
6 receive annual State grants in an amount sufficient to pay its
7 approved expenditures in full. The county commissioners or, in
8 the case of a joint-county department of health, the joint-
9 county health commission, or, in the case of a municipality
10 eligible for State grants under the provisions of section 15 of
11 this act, the executive or executive body of the municipality,
12 shall, at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of each
13 calendar year, submit to the State Secretary of Health, on forms
14 prescribed by him, an estimate of expenditures to cover the
15 operation of the county department of health for the following
16 calendar year. The estimate of expenditures shall state the
17 names of the exempt municipalities which have not decided to
18 become subject to the jurisdiction of the county department of
19 health in accordance with section 15 of this act. The State
20 Secretary of Health shall examine each estimate of expenditures
21 and shall deduct therefrom all items which do not represent
22 expenditures within the lawful scope of the powers of the
23 particular county department of health or the department or
24 board of health of the municipality. Thirty (30) days after he
25 has received the estimate of expenditures, the State Secretary
26 of Health shall draw a requisition upon the State Auditor
27 General in favor of the particular county department of health
28 or municipality for a grant in the total amount of the remaining
29 expenditures.

30 Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar

1 as they are inconsistent with this act.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1989.