
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1538 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, PISTELLA, ROBINSON, LEVDANSKY AND
GIGLIOTTI, MAY 23, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 23, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527, No.106), entitled "An
2 act providing for the rehabilitation, development and
3 acquisition of land, water and structural resources; defining
4 the powers and duties of certain offices, agencies and
5 municipalities; providing for the allotment of proceeds
6 hereunder including Commonwealth grants; prescribing
7 standards; and making appropriations," further providing for
8 the appropriation of moneys.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4(a) of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527,
12 No.106), known as the Recreational Improvement and
13 Rehabilitation Act, amended July 13, 1987 (P.L.300, No.55), is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 4. Appropriation of moneys.

16 (a) Appropriation.--From the moneys received by the
17 Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes
18 pursuant to the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.512, No.104), known as
19 the Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Act, there are hereby
20 appropriated as follows:

1 (1) The sum of \$19,780,000, or as much thereof as may be
2 necessary, is appropriated from the Pennsylvania Economic
3 Revitalization Fund to the Department of Environmental
4 Resources for the period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending
5 June 30, 1988, for site development and material costs for
6 projects authorized and funded under the act of July 2, 1984
7 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation
8 Corps Act. The Secretary of Environmental Resources shall
9 have the power to promulgate such statements of policy,
10 guidelines, rules and regulations as may be necessary to
11 effectuate the programs undertaken, including contracting
12 with persons, firms, partnerships, associations or
13 corporations as may be necessary. The Department of
14 Environmental Resources shall establish procedures for the
15 application and distribution of funds pursuant to this
16 section. Municipalities sponsoring projects authorized and
17 funded under the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act shall be
18 eligible to receive funding under this paragraph only for
19 those projects having recreation purposes and then no more
20 than 75% of the cost of development and materials for those
21 projects. All other projects sponsored by municipalities
22 shall be ineligible for funding under this paragraph.

23 (2) The sum of \$24,000,000, or as much thereof as may be
24 necessary, is appropriated from the Pennsylvania Economic
25 Revitalization Fund to the Department of Community Affairs
26 for the period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending June 30,
27 1988, for State grants-in-aid to municipalities and, in the
28 case of cities of the first class and second class, park
29 commissions, for land acquisition, rehabilitation, studies
30 and development projects for recreation and conservation

1 purposes, community centers and open space benefits as
2 specified in section 3. The appropriated funds shall be
3 expended by the Department of Community Affairs so that
4 \$18,000,000 is expended in equal sums over a three-year
5 period from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1987, and the remaining
6 \$6,000,000 is expended in the fiscal year July 1, 1987, to
7 June 30, 1988. Funding shall be allocated to projects in
8 accordance with the following:

9 (i) Not less than 50% of the total allocation shall
10 be used to pay up to 50% for rehabilitation, studies and
11 development projects.

12 (ii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation shall
13 be used to pay up to 50% of the project costs for
14 acquisition of recreation, park and open space benefit
15 lands.

16 (iii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation
17 shall be used to pay up to 50% for community center
18 projects.

19 (iv) The department shall develop a small community
20 or small projects component. This program shall be for
21 the above purposes and those under section 3. This
22 component shall be for grants-in-aid for projects of up
23 to \$15,000 in amount, shall be up to 100% grants-in-aid
24 and will cover only material costs, to assist those
25 municipalities with a population of 4,000 or less
26 residents unable to meet the matching requirements
27 specified in this section.

28 (v) No municipality, other than a city of the first
29 class or city of the second class, shall be eligible to
30 receive more than \$200,000 in grants-in-aid in any fiscal

1 year. No city of the first class or the second class,
2 including park commissions within such cities, shall
3 cumulatively be eligible to receive more than \$600,000 in
4 grants-in-aid in any fiscal year.

5 (vi) Not more than 5% of the total allocation shall
6 be used by the department for personnel, equipment and
7 operating costs to administer the Recreational
8 Improvement and Rehabilitation Program and to provide
9 technical assistance to municipalities for both grant-
10 related and other recreation and conservation-related
11 services. After June 30, 1988, the department may
12 continue to use unspent funds from previous allocations
13 pursuant to this section to administer the closeout of
14 the grant projects and to continue a program of technical
15 assistance.

16 * * *

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.