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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
JANUARY 20, 1999

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 further providing for State grants to county departments of
21 health and to certain municipalities.

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

24 Section 1. Section 25(d) of the act of August 24, 1951
25 (P.L.1304, No.315), known as the Local Health Administration

1 Law, amended December 17, 1990 (P.L.717, No.179), is amended to
2 read:

3 Section 25. State Grants to County Departments of Health and
4 to Certain Municipalities.--* * *

5 (d) Environmental Health Services.--The Commonwealth shall
6 pay an additional annual grant of not more than [one dollar and
7 fifty cents (\$1.50)] three dollars (\$3.00) per capita resident
8 to each county department of health or department or board of
9 health of a municipality eligible for grants under this act for
10 environmental health services provided by the county or
11 municipality.

12 As used in this subsection "environmental health services"
13 means services such as but not limited to air and noise
14 pollution control, restaurant and wholesale food inspection,
15 rodent and vector control, water and sewage inspection, housing
16 code enforcement and other similar services in addition to other
17 local health grants for public health services.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.