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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

AN ACT

- Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of the electors, of \$500,000,000 for the purposes of providing financing in the form of grants and loans for the cost of dam removal, restoration and repair projects with priority given to certain high-hazard unsafe dams or deficient high-hazard dams or impoundments; providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection; and establishing the Dam Project Bond Fund and the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund.
- 10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 11 hereby enacts as follows:
- 12 Section 1. Short title.
- 13 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Dam Project
- 14 Assistance Act.
- 15 Section 2. Legislative findings.
- 16 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:
- 17 (1) This Commonwealth has approximately 3,200 dams, many
- of which were constructed in the early 1900s before current
- dam safety standards were developed.
- 20 (2) Millions of residents of this Commonwealth depend on

- these dams for drinking water, flood control, power
 generation, irrigation, stream flow augmentation, recreation,
 navigation or wildlife habitat.
 - (3) State regulators classify nearly one-third of this Commonwealth's dams as high-hazard dams, which means that due to their location a failure of any of these dams could result in the deaths of people living and working downstream.
 - (4) The Commonwealth's Dam Safety Program has identified 322 currently deficient high-hazard dams and projects, the number of which may increase to 481 in the next five years.
 - (5) The estimated rehabilitation need for the deficient and projected deficient high-hazard dams is more than \$1,300,000,000.
 - (6) In addition, numerous dams throughout this

 Commonwealth are known or suspected to have spillways

 inadequate to safely pass the current spillway design flood

 capacity. A major storm producing sufficient flow that

 exceeds the spillway capacity could cause a catastrophic dam

 failure.
- 20 (7) Proper maintenance of these structures mitigates the 21 potential for failure. This means that adequate resources 22 must be allocated to periodically reassess outdated designs, 23 to allow for the systematic monitoring of the condition, 24 maintenance and operation of all dams and to provide funding 25 for necessary dam upgrades in a timely manner.
- 26 (8) These efforts take resources that are often beyond 27 the means of many owners.
- 28 Section 3. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
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- 1 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 2 "Authority." The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment
- 3 Authority.
- 4 "Board." The board of directors of the Pennsylvania
- 5 Infrastructure Investment Authority.
- 6 "Bonds." The bonds authorized to be issued or issued under
- 7 this act.
- 8 "Cost." The expenses incurred in connection with:
- 9 (1) The funding of dam removal, restoration and repair
- 10 projects.
- 11 (2) The interest or discount on bonds.
- 12 (3) The issuance of bonds.
- 13 (4) The procurement or provision of engineering,
- inspection, relocation, legal, financial, planning,
- 15 geological, hydrological and other professional services,
- 16 estimates and advice, including the services of a bond
- 17 registrar or an authenticating agent.
- 18 (5) The issuance of bonds or any interest or discount
- 19 thereon.
- 20 (6) The administrative, organizational, operating or
- other expenses incident to the financing and completion of a
- 22 project authorized by this act.
- 23 (7) The establishment of a reserve fund or funds for
- 24 working capital, operating, maintenance or replacement
- 25 expenses and the payment or security of principal or interest
- on bonds.
- 27 (8) The cost of all labor, materials, machinery and
- 28 equipment, lands, property, rights and easements, financing
- 29 charges, interest on bonds, notes or other obligations, plans
- 30 and specifications, surveys or estimates of costs and

- 1 revenues, engineering and legal services and all other
- 2 expenses necessary or incident to all or part of any project
- 3 authorized by this act.
- 4 (9) The reimbursement to any fund of the Commonwealth of
- 5 moneys that may have been transferred or advanced therefrom
- 6 to any fund established by this act or of any moneys that may
- 7 have been expended therefrom for or in connection with any
- 8 project authorized by this act.
- 9 (10) The administrative cost to the local government
- 10 unit acting as a coapplicant to owners of private dams or to
- 11 private lake associations.
- "Dam removal, restoration and repair project." The removal,
- 13 repair, restoration, construction, reconstruction or demolition
- 14 of dams, bulkheads, retention or detention basins or other
- 15 structures that impound water for water supply purposes, flood
- 16 control, recreation, wildlife habitat or fire protection.
- 17 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
- 18 the Commonwealth.
- 19 "Fund." The Dam Project Bond Fund established in section 8.
- "Government securities." Any bonds or other obligations
- 21 that, as to principal and interest, constitute direct
- 22 obligations of or are unconditionally guaranteed by the United
- 23 States of America, including obligations of any Federal agency,
- 24 to the extent those obligations are unconditionally quaranteed
- 25 by the United States of America, and any certificates or any
- 26 other evidences of an ownership interest in those obligations of
- 27 or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or
- 28 in specified portions that may consist of the principal of or
- 29 the interest on those obligations.
- 30 "High-hazard dam." A dam so located as to endanger populated

- 1 areas downstream by its failure.
- 2 "High-hazard unsafe dam." A dam that is both a high-hazard
- 3 and an unsafe dam.
- 4 "Issuing officials." The Governor, the Auditor General and
- 5 the State Treasurer of the Commonwealth.
- 6 "Local government unit." A county or a municipality, or any
- 7 agency, authority, board, commission or other instrumentality
- 8 thereof, any two or more counties or municipalities operating
- 9 jointly through an intergovernmental cooperation agreement
- 10 permitted by law or any agency, authority, board, commission or
- 11 other instrumentality thereof, and any other local or regional
- 12 entity created by the General Assembly as a political
- 13 subdivision of the Commonwealth or any agency, authority, board
- 14 or commission or other instrumentality thereof.
- 15 "Secretary." The Secretary of Environmental Protection of
- 16 the Commonwealth.
- "Unsafe dam." A dam designated by the Department of
- 18 Environmental Protection with deficiencies of such a nature that
- 19 if not corrected, the deficiencies could cause a failure of the
- 20 dam with subsequent loss of lives or substantial property
- 21 damage.
- 22 Section 4. Approval of debt incurrence by electors.
- 23 The question of incurring indebtedness of \$500,000,000 for
- 24 the purposes of providing financing in the form of grants and
- 25 loans for the cost of dam removal, restoration and repair
- 26 projects with priority given to high-hazard unsafe dams
- 27 necessary for drinking water systems or other high-hazard unsafe
- 28 dams or deficient high-hazard dams or impoundments shall be
- 29 submitted to the electors at the next primary, municipal or
- 30 general election following the effective date of this section.

- 1 Section 5. Certification.
- 2 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall certify the form of
- 3 the question under section 6 to the county board of elections.
- 4 Section 6. Form of question.
- 5 The question under section 4 shall be substantially in the
- 6 following form:
- 7 Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness of \$500,000,000
- 8 for the purposes of providing financing in the form of grants
- 9 and loans for the cost of dam removal, restoration and repair
- 10 projects with priority given to high-hazard unsafe dams
- 11 necessary for drinking water systems or other high-hazard
- unsafe dams or deficient high-hazard dams or impoundments?
- 13 Section 7. Election.
- 14 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of
- 15 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania
- 16 Election Code.
- 17 Section 8. Dam Project Bond Fund.
- 18 (a) Establishment. -- The Dam Project Bond Fund is established
- 19 in the State Treasury and shall be the source from which all
- 20 payments are authorized with the approval of the Governor to
- 21 carry out the purposes of this act.
- 22 (b) Use of fund. -- The moneys in the fund shall only be
- 23 utilized:
- 24 (1) For the purpose of financing in the form of grants
- and loans for the cost of dam removal, restoration and repair
- 26 projects with priority given to high-hazard unsafe dams
- 27 necessary for drinking water systems or other high-hazard
- unsafe dams or high-hazard dams or impoundments deemed
- 29 necessary by the department and the authority. Of the total
- 30 principal amount authorized under this act:

(i) The sum of \$225,000,000 is allocated to the

authority for grants to finance the cost of removal,

restoration and repair of State-owned dams. Grants to be

provided under this act are not subject to the provisions

of section 10(e) of the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82,

No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure

Investment Authority Act.

- 8 (ii) The sum of \$275,000,000 is allocated to the
 9 authority to create a revolving loan fund for the purpose
 10 of providing loans to owners of private dams, as
 11 coapplicants with local government units or to local
 12 government units that own dams, to finance the cost of
 13 dam removal, restoration and repair projects undertaken
 14 by or on behalf of the owners of dams.
 - (iii) Payments of principal and interest on loans made from the fund shall be returned to the fund for use for any authorized purpose to which moneys in the fund may be used.
 - (2) For the administrative costs incurred in any of the purposes in paragraph (1), including the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds.
- (c) Loan terms.—A loan made to a local government unit that
 owns or to an owner of a lake or stream with a local government
 unit as coapplicant from the fund shall bear interest of not
 more than 2% per year, shall be for a term of 20 years and shall
 be made in accordance with criteria for other programs
 established by the authority.
- 28 (d) Loan agreement.--A loan authorized under this section 29 shall be provided under the terms and conditions stated in a 30 written loan agreement between the authority and the person or

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- 2 (e) Coapplicants required.--
- 3 (1) Loans awarded under this section to owners of 4 private dams shall require local government units to act as 5 coapplicants.
 - (2) The cost of payment of the principal and interest on any loan made to the owner of a private dam as a coapplicant with a local government unit shall be assessed, in the same manner as provided for the assessment of local improvements generally under the law, against the real estate benefited thereby in proportion to and not in excess of the benefits conferred.
 - (3) The assessments shall bear interest and penalties from the same time and at the same rate as assessments for local improvements in the municipality where they are imposed, and from the date of confirmation, shall be a first lien upon the real estate assessed to the same extent and be enforced and collected in the same manner as assessments for local improvements.
 - (f) Interfund transfers authorized. --
- 21 Whenever the cash balance and the current estimated (1)22 receipts of the fund shall be insufficient at any time during 23 any State fiscal year to meet promptly the obligations of the 24 Commonwealth from the fund, the State Treasurer may, from 25 time to time during the fiscal year, transfer from the 26 General Fund to the fund such sums as the Governor directs, 27 but in no case less than the amount necessary to meet 28 promptly the obligations to be paid from the fund, nor more 29 than an amount which is the lesser of:
 - (i) The difference between the amount of debt

- authorized to be issued under this act and the aggregate
 principal amount of bonds and notes issued, not including
 refunding bonds and replacement notes.
 - (ii) The difference between the aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes, not including refunding bonds and replacement notes, issued during such State fiscal year.
 - Any sums so transferred shall be available only for the purposes for which they are appropriated from the fund. The transfers shall be made under this section upon warrant of the State Treasurer upon requisition of the Governor.
- 12 In order to reimburse the General Fund for moneys transferred under paragraph (1), there shall be transferred 13 14 to the General Fund from the fund moneys from the proceeds 15 obtained from bonds and notes issued under this act or from other available funds in such amounts and at such times as 16 17 the Governor shall direct. The retransfers shall be made upon 18 warrant of the State Treasurer upon requisition of the 19 Governor.
- 20 Section 9. Proceeds.
- 21 (a) Use.--

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- 22 Proceeds of borrowing shall be deposited in the fund 23 and shall be used for grants and loans by the authority for 24 the purpose of financing, through full or matching grants or 25 loans, the costs of dam removal, restoration and repair 26 projects with priority given to high-hazard unsafe dams 27 necessary for drinking water systems and other high-hazard 28 unsafe dams and high-hazard dams and impoundments as deemed 29 necessary by the department and the authority.
- 30 (2) All proceeds shall be prohibited from being

- 1 allocated to foreign materials or labor, and there shall be
- 2 language on the back of the obligations clarifying this
- 3 prohibition.
- 4 (b) Appropriation. -- The proceeds of all bonds sold under
- 5 this act are appropriated on a continuing basis to the authority
- 6 for the purpose of making loans and grants under this act.
- 7 (c) Borrowing authorized.--
- 8 (1) If and when the electorate approves a referendum
- 9 question for the incurring of indebtedness in the amount and
- for the purposes prescribed in this act, the issuing
- officials, under section 7(a)(3) of Article VIII of the
- 12 Constitution of Pennsylvania, are authorized and directed to
- borrow, on the credit of the Commonwealth, money not
- exceeding in the aggregate \$500,000,000, not including money
- borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement
- notes, as may be found necessary to carry out the purposes of
- 17 this act.
- 18 (2) As evidence of the indebtedness, general obligation
- bonds of the Commonwealth shall be issued from time to time
- 20 to provide moneys necessary to carry out the purposes of this
- 21 act for such total amounts, in such form, in such
- denominations and subject to such terms and conditions of
- issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of
- 24 payment of interest as the issuing officials direct, except
- 25 that the latest stated maturity date shall not exceed 20
- 26 years from the date of the first obligation issued to
- evidence the debt, the obligations shall be issued in \$100
- increments and at a rate of 5%.
- 29 (3) All bonds and notes issued under this act shall bear
- 30 facsimile signatures of the issuing officials and a facsimile

- of the Great Seal of the Commonwealth and shall be countersigned by a duly authorized officer of a duly authorized loan and transfer agent of the Commonwealth.
 - (4) All bonds and notes issued in accordance with this act shall be direct obligations of the Commonwealth, and the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth is pledged for the payment of the interest thereon, as it becomes due, and the payment of the principal at maturity. The principal of and interest on the bonds and notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States.
 - (5) All bonds and notes issued under this act shall be exempt from taxation for State and local purposes.
 - (6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest as the issuing officials may determine. If interest coupons are attached they shall contain the facsimile signature of the State Treasurer.
 - (7) The issuing officials shall provide for the amortization of the bonds in substantial and regular amounts over the term of the debt so that the bonds of each issue allocated to the projects to be funded from the bond issue shall mature within a period not to exceed the appropriate amortization period for each project as specified by the issuing officials, but in no case in excess of 20 years. The first retirement of principal shall be stated to mature prior to the expiration of a period of time equal to one-tenth of the time from the date of the first obligation issued to evidence the debt to the date of the expiration of the term of the debt. Retirements of principal shall be regular and substantial if made in annual or semiannual amounts whether

- by stated serial maturities or by mandatory sinking fund
 retirements.
- 3 The issuing officials are authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds for the 4 5 purpose of refunding any debt issued under this act and then 6 outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of 7 the outstanding debt or providing funds to redeem and retire 8 the outstanding debt with accrued interest, any premium 9 payable thereon and the costs of issuance and retirement of 10 the debt at maturity or at any call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, 11 12 the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the 13 issuing official in respect thereto shall be governed by this 14 section insofar as they may be applicable. Refunding bonds, 15 which are not subject to the aggregate limitation of \$500,000,000 of debt to be issued under this act, may be 16 17 issued by the issuing officials to refund debt originally 18 issued or to refund bonds previously issued for refunding 19 purposes.
 - (9) Whenever any action is to be taken or decision made by the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer acting as issuing officials and these officials are not able unanimously to agree, the action or decision of the Governor and either the Auditor General or the State Treasurer shall be binding and final.
- 26 (d) Sale of bonds.--
- 27 (1) Whenever bonds are issued, they shall be offered for 28 sale at not less than 98% of the principal amount and accrued 29 interest and shall be sold by the issuing officials to the 30 highest and best bidder or bidders after due public

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- 1 advertisement on the terms and conditions and upon such open
- 2 competitive bidding as the issuing officials shall direct.
- 3 The manner and character of the advertisement and the time of
- 4 advertising shall be prescribed by the issuing officials. No
- 5 commission shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds
- 6 issued under the authority of this act.
- 7 (2) Any portion of any bond issue so offered and not
- 9 private sale by the issuing officials in such manner and at

sold or subscribed for at public sale may be disposed of by

- such prices not less than 98% of the principal amount and
- 11 accrued interest as the Governor shall direct. No commission
- shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds issued
- under the authority of this act.
- 14 (3) When bonds are issued from time to time, the bonds
- of each issue shall constitute a separate series to be
- designated by the issuing officials or may be combined for
- sale as one series with other general obligation bonds of the
- 18 Commonwealth.

- 19 (4) Until permanent bonds can be prepared, the issuing
- officials may, in their discretion, issue, in lieu of
- 21 permanent bonds, temporary bonds in such form and with such
- 22 privileges as to registration and exchange from permanent
- bonds as may be determined by the issuing officials.
- 24 (5) The proceeds realized from the sale of bonds and
- 25 notes, except refunding bonds and replacement notes, under
- the provisions of this act shall be paid into the fund. The
- 27 proceeds shall be paid by the State Treasurer periodically to
- 28 those Commonwealth officers and Commonwealth agencies
- 29 authorized to expend them at such times and in such amounts
- 30 as may be necessary to satisfy the funding needs thereof. The

- proceeds of the sale of refunding bonds and replacement notes

 shall be paid to the State Treasurer and applied to the

 payment of principal, the accrued interest and premium, if

 any, and the cost of redemption of the bonds and notes for

 which the obligations shall have been issued.
 - authorized, moneys held or deposited by the State Treasurer may be invested or reinvested as are other funds in the custody of the State Treasurer in the manner provided by law. All earnings received from the investment or deposit of the funds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the fund. The earnings in excess of bond discounts allowed, expenses paid for the issuance of bonds and notes and interest arbitrage rebates due to the Federal Government shall be transferred annually to the fund. Any interest or investment income shall be applied to assist in the payment of the debt service incurred in connection with this act.
 - (7) The Auditor General shall prepare the necessary registry book to be kept in the office of the duly authorized loan and transfer agent of the Commonwealth for the registration of any bonds, at the request of owners thereof, according to the terms and conditions of issue directed by the issuing officials.
 - (8) There is appropriated to the State Treasurer from the fund as much money as may be necessary for all costs and expenses in connection with the issue, sale and registration of the bonds and notes in connection with this act and the payment of interest arbitrage rebates or proceeds of such bonds and notes.
 - (e) Temporary financing authorization. --

Pending the issuance of bonds of the Commonwealth as authorized, the issuing officials are authorized, in accordance with this act and on the credit of the Commonwealth, to make temporary borrowings not to exceed three years in anticipation of the issue of bonds in order to provide funds in such amounts as may from time to time be deemed advisable prior to the issue of bonds. In order to provide for and in connection with the temporary borrowings, the issuing officials may in the name and on behalf of the Commonwealth enter into any purchase, loan or credit agreement or agreements or other agreement or agreements with any banks or trust companies or other lending institutions, investment banking firms or persons in the United States having power to enter into the same, which agreements may contain provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this act and authorized by the issuing officials.

authorization of this section shall be evidenced by notes of the Commonwealth which shall be issued from time to time for amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the applicable statutory and constitutional debt limitation in the form and in the denominations and subject to terms and conditions of sale and issue, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest and time of payment of interest as the issuing officials shall authorize and direct and in accordance with this act. The authorization and direction may provide for the subsequent issuance of replacement notes to refund outstanding notes or replacement notes, which replacement notes shall, upon issuance thereof, evidence the borrowing and may specify other terms and conditions with

- respect to the notes and replacement notes thereby authorized for issuance as the issuing officials may determine and direct.
 - officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the issuing officials may in the name and on behalf of the Commonwealth issue, enter into or authorize and direct the State Treasurer to enter into agreements with any banks, trust companies, investment banking firms or other institutions or persons in the United States having the power to enter the same:
 - (i) To purchase or underwrite an issue or series of issues or notes.
 - (ii) To credit, to enter into any purchase, loan or credit agreement, to draw moneys pursuant to any such agreements on the terms and conditions stated therein and to issue notes as evidence of borrowings made under any such agreements.
 - (iii) To appoint as issuing and payment agent or agents with respect to notes.
 - (iv) To do such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to provide for the payment, when due, of the interest on and the principal of such notes. Such agreements may provide for the compensation of any purchasers or underwriters of notes or replacement notes by discounting the purchase price of the notes or by payment of a fixed fee or commission at the time of issuance thereof, and all other costs and expenses, including fees for agreements related to the notes, issuing and paying agent costs and costs and expenses of

issuance may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the State Treasurer shall, at or prior to the time of delivery of these notes or replacement notes, determine the principal amounts, dates of issue, interest rate or rates or procedures for establishing such rates from time to time, rates of discount, denominations and all other terms and conditions relating to the issuance and shall perform all acts and things necessary to pay or cause to be paid, when due, all principal of and interest on the notes being refunded by replacement notes and to assure that the same may draw upon any moneys available for that purpose pursuant to any purchase, loan or credit agreements established with respect thereto, all subject to the authorization and direction of the issuing officials.

- (5) Outstanding notes evidencing such borrowings may be funded and retired by the issuance and sale of the bonds of the Commonwealth as authorized in subsection (f). The refunding bonds must be issued and sold not later than a date three years after the date of issuance of the first notes evidencing the borrowings to the extent that payment of such notes has not otherwise been made or provided for by sources other than proceeds of replacement notes.
- (6) The proceeds of all such temporary borrowings shall be paid to the State Treasurer to be held and disposed of in accordance with this act.
- 28 (f) Debt retirement.--
- 29 (1) All bonds issued under this act shall be redeemed at 30 maturity, together with all interest due from time to time on

1 the bonds, and these principal and interest payments shall be

2 paid from the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund, which is

3 established in the State Treasury. For the specific purpose

of redeeming the bonds at maturity and paying all interest

5 thereon in accordance with the information received from the

Governor, the General Assembly shall appropriate moneys to

7 the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund for the payment of interest

on the bonds and notes and the principal thereof at maturity.

9 All moneys paid into the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund and

all of the moneys not necessary to pay accruing interest

shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities

as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking

funds of the Commonwealth.

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The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, may at any time use any of the moneys in the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund not necessary for the purposes of the referendum authorizing the indebtedness necessary to carry out this act, for the purchase and retirement of all or any part of the bonds and notes issued pursuant to this act. In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are purchased, they shall be canceled and returned to the loan and transfer agent as canceled and paid bonds and notes, and thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease. The canceled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other canceled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than two years after cancellation. A certification evidencing the destruction of the canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to the issuing officials. All canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be so

- 1 marked as to make the canceled bonds, notes and coupons 2 nonnegotiable.
- 3 The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Secretary of the Budget by November 1 of each year the 4 amount of money necessary for the payment of interest on 5 6 outstanding obligations and the principal of the obligations, 7 if any, for the following fiscal year and the times and 8 amounts of the payments. The Governor shall include in every 9 budget submitted to the General Assembly full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under this act 10 11 and the status of the Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund for the 12 payment of interest on the bonds and notes and the principal
- 14 (4) The General Assembly shall appropriate an amount
 15 equal to the sum as may be necessary to meet repayment
 16 obligations for principal and interest for deposit into the
 17 Dam Project Bond Sinking Fund.
- 18 (g) Expiration.--Authorization to issue bonds and notes, not 19 including refunding bonds and replacement notes, for the purpose 20 of this act shall expire ten years from the effective date of 21 this section.
- 22 Section 10. Powers and duties of board.

thereof at maturity.

- 23 (a) General rule.--The board shall implement and administer
- 24 the proceeds of the bonds issued under section 9 in conformity
- 25 with the provisions of section 10 of the act of March 1, 1988
- 26 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure
- 27 Investment Authority Act.
- 28 (b) Specific powers of board. -- In addition to any powers
- 29 under subsection (a), the board shall have the power to:
- 30 (1) Implement and administer the proceeds of the bonds

- 1 under section 9 to improve the adequacy or efficiency of all
- dam removal, restoration and repair projects.
- 3 (2) Develop, in cooperation with the department, forms
- 4 for the applications of grants and loans including required
- 5 documentation and eligible project costs.
- 6 (3) Develop, in cooperation with the department,
- 7 eligibility criteria to implement the provisions of this act.
- 8 (4) Develop, in cooperation with the department,
- 9 requirements and criteria for the review of the applications
- of grants and loans.
- 11 (5) Review, in cooperation with the department,
- 12 applications of grants and loans.
- 13 (6) Take all other actions necessary to implement and
- 14 administer the provisions of this act.
- 15 Section 11. Powers and duties of department.
- 16 The department shall have the power and duty to:
- 17 (1) Assist the board in the development of forms for the
- applications of grants and loans including required
- documentation and eligible project costs.
- 20 (2) Assist the board in the development of eligibility
- criteria to implement the provisions of this act.
- 22 (3) Assist the board in the development of requirements
- and criteria for the review of the applications of grants and
- loans.
- 25 (4) Assist the board in the review of applications of
- 26 grants and loans.
- 27 (5) Notify every dam owner and local government unit
- with a dam located within its boundaries of the availability
- of and the criteria for qualifying and obtaining loans for
- dam removal, restoration and repair projects.

- 1 Section 12. Effective date.
- 2 This act shall take effect immediately.