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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Joint
3 Revenue Estimation Committee; and making a related repeal.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 72 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

8 PART I

9 BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

10 Chapter

11 1. (Reserved)

12 3. Joint Revenue Estimation Committee

13 CHAPTER 1

14 (Reserved)

15 CHAPTER 3

16 JOINT REVENUE ESTIMATION COMMITTEE

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6 § 301. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
8 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
9 context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Committee." The Joint Revenue Estimation Committee
11 established under section 302 (relating to Joint Revenue
12 Estimation Committee).

13 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

14 "Secretary." The Secretary of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

15 § 302. Joint Revenue Estimation Committee.

16 (a) Establishment.--The Joint Revenue Estimation Committee
17 is established and shall be convened by the secretary no later
18 than the first week of February following the beginning of each
19 legislative session of the General Assembly.

20 (b) Membership.--The committee shall be comprised of the
21 following members:

22 (1) The secretary.

23 (2) The Secretary of the Budget.

24 (3) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of
25 the Senate.

26 (4) The minority chairperson of the Appropriations
27 Committee of the Senate.

28 (5) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of
29 the House of Representatives.

30 (6) The minority chairperson of the Appropriations

1 Committee of the House of Representatives.

2 (7) One resident appointed by the Governor.

3 (8) One resident appointed by the President pro tempore
4 of the Senate.

5 (9) One resident appointed by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 (10) One resident appointed by the Minority Leader of
8 the Senate.

9 (11) One resident appointed by the Minority Leader of
10 the House of Representatives.

11 (12) The Director of the Independent Fiscal Office as an
12 ex officio member.

13 (c) Staff.--The committee shall be staffed by employees of
14 the department who shall prepare any documents requested by a
15 member of the committee.

16 § 303. Meetings.

17 The committee shall meet at least once a month to discuss
18 changes in the revenue collected by the Commonwealth during the
19 current month and the fiscal year compared to the most recently
20 released estimate made by the committee.

21 § 304. Revenue estimates.

22 (a) Preparation of estimates.--Twice each fiscal year, by
23 December 16 and May 15, the committee shall prepare a joint
24 estimate of revenue for the General Fund. The estimate shall
25 include revenue the Commonwealth can anticipate collecting for
26 the current fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal year.

27 (b) Approval.--No revenue estimate shall be approved without
28 being approved by 11 members of the committee. The following
29 shall apply:

30 (1) If, prior to final adjournment of any regular

1 legislative session of the General Assembly, a law is enacted
2 providing for additional or less money to be deposited into
3 the General Fund, the committee shall prepare a joint
4 estimate of those revenues.

5 (2) The committee may release a revised revenue estimate
6 90 days following the release of an approved revenue estimate
7 under subsection (a) only if the estimate is approved by 11
8 members of the committee.

9 (c) Submission.--The committee shall submit the revenue
10 estimates to the Governor, General Assembly, State Treasurer and
11 Independent Fiscal Office.

12 (d) Failure to approve estimate.--If the committee fails to
13 approve a revenue estimate under this section, the Governor and
14 the General Assembly shall utilize the revenue estimates of the
15 Independent Fiscal Office for approving General Fund
16 expenditures.

17 § 305. Initial revenue estimate.

18 The secretary shall convene the committee, which shall
19 release a revenue estimate for the current fiscal year and
20 ensuing fiscal year within 30 days of the effective date of this
21 section. If the committee is unable to agree on a revenue
22 estimate under section 304 (relating to revenue estimates), the
23 Governor and the General Assembly shall use a revenue estimate
24 from the Independent Fiscal Office to enact General Fund
25 expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year.

26 § 306. Revenue estimate error rates.

27 The committee shall provide a public report on the error
28 rates of the previous fiscal year revenue estimates no later
29 than October 1 of the following fiscal year. Revenue error rates
30 for each tax may not be greater than 3%. If an error rate is

- 1 greater than 3%, the committee shall develop a new model to
- 2 ensure error rates remain under 3%.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.