

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 399

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INTRODUCED BY FISHER, O'CONNELL, ZORD, CESSAR, MENHORN, TRELLO,
MRKONIC, M. M. MULLEN, GEISLER, ABRAHAM AND W. W. WILT,
FEBRUARY 11, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FEBRUARY 11, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 19, 1968 (P.L.996, No.443), entitled
2 "An act authorizing the creation of indebtedness of five
3 hundred million dollars for the conservation and reclamation
4 of land and water resources; defining the powers and duties
5 of certain offices, agencies and political subdivisions;
6 providing for the allotment of proceeds hereunder including
7 Commonwealth grants; prescribing standards and making
8 appropriations," further providing for State grants-in-aid.

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

11 Section 1. Clause (4) of subsection (a) of section 16, act
12 of January 19, 1968 (P.L.996, No.443), known as "The Land and
13 Water Conservation and Reclamation Act," is amended to read:

14 Section 16. Allotment of Moneys.--(a) The moneys received by
15 the Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes
16 pursuant to this act when appropriated by the General Assembly
17 from the development fund shall be allotted for the following
18 specific purposes:

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20 (4) To the Department of Community Affairs, the sum of

1 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) for State grants-in-
2 aid to political subdivisions to pay [up to fifty percent] part
3 of the cost (i) of development of county and municipal park and
4 recreation lands including lands acquired under the act of June
5 22, 1964 (P.L.131, Special Session No.2), known as the "Project
6 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act," to be used for county
7 and municipal park and recreation purposes; (ii) to acquire and
8 develop additional county and municipal park, recreation and
9 open space lands in those regions where the statewide outdoor
10 recreation plan indicates a need for those lands; and (iii) for
11 studies conducted to determine park and recreational needs and
12 the location of facilities. The Department of Community Affairs
13 may make grants-in-aid from State and/or Federal funds to
14 political subdivisions to pay a maximum of sixty-five percent of
15 the cost of the aforesaid development, acquisition and studies.
16 A finding by the Department of Community Affairs as to zoning,
17 building, or development policies in a political subdivision
18 shall not serve as a basis for denial of requests for grants-in-
19 aid.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.