

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1871** Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY BITTINGER, STEWART, ENGLEHART, REED, LETTERMAN,  
DeWEESE AND HALVERSON, NOVEMBER 15, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, NOVEMBER 15, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 6, 1961 (P.L.515, No.265), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act authorizing the Governor to provide for  
3 disaster and emergency relief under certain circumstances;  
4 authorizing him to transfer certain funds in the General Fund  
5 for these purposes, and making an appropriation," providing  
6 for assistance for community development programs in  
7 political subdivisions affected by natural disasters.

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

10 Section 1. The act of July 6, 1961 (P.L.515, No.265),  
11 entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the Governor to  
12 provide for disaster and emergency relief under certain  
13 circumstances; authorizing him to transfer certain funds in the  
14 General Fund for these purposes, and making an appropriation,"  
15 reenacted and amended August 18, 1977 (No.57), is amended by  
16 adding a section to read:

17 Section 4.1. (a) Whenever the Governor shall have  
18 proclaimed that conditions of extreme emergency exist throughout  
19 the State or in one or more political subdivisions thereof  
20 pursuant to section 4, he may authorize the expenditure of funds

1 from any appropriation for the purposes of this section to make  
2 grants for community development programs to one or more  
3 political subdivisions affected by a natural disaster.

4 (b) No more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be  
5 expended in any one year for the purposes of this section unless  
6 a greater amount is specifically appropriated by the General  
7 Assembly.

8 (c) For the purposes of this section, community development  
9 programs shall comply with the definition and requirements of  
10 the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.865, No.292), entitled "An act  
11 authorizing municipalities to expend Federal general revenue  
12 sharing or general funds for social service programs for the  
13 poor, the disabled and the aging, and to jointly cooperate in  
14 the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and  
15 operation of such programs."

16 (d) The Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs  
17 shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of  
18 this section.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.