
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ZORD, POLITE, HELFRICK, LOGUE, MUSTO,
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GAMBLE, FISHER, DeWEESE, McLANE, FREIND, HOPKINS AND BURD,
DECEMBER 7, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
DECEMBER 7, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 8, 1971 (P.L.532, No.136), entitled
2 "An act providing assistance to persons suffering damage from
3 mine subsidence," establishing the Mine Subsidence Fund as a
4 source of funds for home owners to repair or replace homes
5 damaged or destroyed by mine subsidence and making an
6 appropriation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1, act of November 8, 1971 (P.L.532,
10 No.136), entitled "An act providing assistance to persons
11 suffering damage from mine subsidence," is amended to read:

12 Section 1. [Whenever the Governor finds as a fact that
13 conditions of emergency exist as a result of mine subsidence, he
14 shall have power to transfer any unused funds not exceeding two
15 million dollars (\$2,000,000) which may have been appropriated
16 for the ordinary expenses of the government to a special account
17 in the General Fund for emergency mine subsidence relief; and,
18 the funds are hereby appropriated to the Department of

1 Environmental Resources.] The Mine Subsidence Fund is hereby
2 created as an emergency fund for relief of persons suffering
3 damage from mine subsidence. The fund shall be administered by
4 the Department of Environmental Resources. The funds [so
5 transferred] shall be used to match any Federal funds available
6 for mine subsidence relief, to move persons whose homes are
7 destroyed or endangered until the homes are repaired or there is
8 no further danger of subsidence or a new permanent residence is
9 found to fill voids from mine subsidence and to provide a source
10 of funds from which home owners can obtain funds at interest
11 rates not to exceed [two] three per cent for the repair or
12 replacement of homes damaged or destroyed by mine subsidence.
13 The funds obtained pursuant to this act shall be repaid into the
14 fund in accordance with regulations of the Department of
15 Environmental Resources.

16 Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 from the appropriation to the
17 Department of Environmental Resources for land protection in the
18 act of August 20, 1977 (No.11-A), known as the "General
19 Appropriation Act of 1977," is hereby reappropriated to the
20 Department of Environmental Resources to be deposited in the
21 Mine Subsidence Fund and used for purposes of the fund.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.