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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, MARCH 9, 1994

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to
2 reimburse municipalities for snow emergency expenditures; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Snow
8 Emergency Municipal Reimbursement Act of 1994.

9 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) During January 1994, severe snow and ice storms
12 occurred in several counties of this Commonwealth. This
13 placed an excessive financial burden on municipal governments
14 in those counties.

15 (2) The Governor, on January 6 and 7, 1994, declared a
16 state of emergency to exist in certain counties of this
17 Commonwealth. This declaration made State resources available

1 to municipal governments within the designated counties.

2 (3) In addition to using any available State resources,
3 many municipal governments had to incur substantial expense
4 in order to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare
5 of their citizens.

6 (4) The emergency in the counties designated in the
7 Governor's emergency declaration has necessitated the
8 expenditure of funds by municipalities in those counties.
9 This will result in undue financial hardship upon the
10 municipalities and their citizens.

11 Section 3. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Agency." The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

16 Section 4. Reimbursement program.

17 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to reimburse
18 municipalities in those counties designated in the Governor's
19 emergency declaration of January 6 and 7, 1994, for expenses
20 incurred by them to adequately protect the health, safety and
21 welfare of their citizens during the emergency set forth in the
22 Governor's declaration. If insufficient funds exist to reimburse
23 the municipalities in full, reimbursement shall be made on a pro
24 rata basis.

25 (b) Procedure.--Application for reimbursement shall be in
26 accordance with regulations established by the agency.

27 Section 5. Appropriation.

28 The sum of \$2,400,000, or as much thereof as may be
29 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency
30 Management Agency to carry out the provisions of this act.

1 Except for those funds necessary to reimburse municipalities
2 which have filed applications for reimbursement prior to July 1,
3 1994, any funds hereby appropriated which shall not have been
4 expended shall lapse on June 30, 1994.

5 Section 6. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect immediately.