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JAROLIN, BAKER, MILLER, BELFANTI, HALUSKA, MERRY, STERN AND
STEELMAN, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for dirt and gravel road maintenance.

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

5 Section 1. Section 9102(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 9102. Distribution of State highway maintenance funds.

8 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided under sections
9 9106 (relating to dirt and gravel road maintenance) and 9107
10 (relating to State forestry roads), the department shall
11 distribute all highway appropriations and executive
12 authorizations for State highway maintenance in the various
13 county maintenance districts in the following manner:

14 (1) For any fiscal year in which the total highway
15 maintenance appropriations and executive authorizations are
16 equal to the combined total base allocations for all the
17 county maintenance districts, each maintenance district shall

1 receive its base allocation.

2 (2) For any fiscal year in which the total highway
3 maintenance appropriations and executive authorizations are
4 less than the combined total base allocations of all the
5 county maintenance districts, each maintenance district's
6 share shall be reduced, to the extent necessary to bring the
7 total allocation within the funding limits, in the same
8 proportion that each county's base allocations bears to the
9 combined total of all counties' base allocations.

10 (3) For any fiscal year in which the total highway
11 maintenance appropriations and executive authorizations are
12 greater than the combined total base allocations of all the
13 county maintenance districts, the funds shall be distributed
14 based upon the formula in subsection (b), but notwithstanding
15 the formula calculation for any particular county, no county
16 shall receive less than its base allocation in any year.

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18 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

19 § 9106. Dirt and gravel road maintenance.

20 (a) General rule.--The department shall annually distribute
21 \$7,000,000 of the total funds available under section 9102
22 (relating to distribution of State highway maintenance funds) to
23 municipalities for the mitigation of sediment runoff from
24 locally owned dirt and gravel roads.

25 (b) Application.--Municipalities may apply for funding each
26 year in blocks of \$5,000 per mile. A municipality may receive a
27 maximum of \$10,000 per year in funding. An application to the
28 department's district municipal services supervisors must
29 contain letters from the local county conservation district and
30 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in support of the

1 particular project.

2 (c) Training.--The Department of Environmental Resources or
3 the department shall conduct or preapprove a one-week training
4 course for municipal employees on how to mitigate the sediment
5 runoff from dirt and gravel roads. The department shall provide
6 \$250 per person for the training course and a maximum of \$400
7 for expenses.

8 (d) Priorities.--The department shall prioritize funding for
9 roads located along streams of high quality and exceptional
10 value. The department shall also prioritize funding for those
11 municipalities that have received training.

12 § 9107. State forestry roads.

13 (a) General rule.--The department shall annually distribute
14 \$2,000,000 of the total funds available under section 9102
15 (relating to distribution of State highway maintenance funds) to
16 the Department of Environmental Resources for the mitigation of
17 sediment runoff from State forestry roads.

18 (b) Priorities.--The Department of Environmental Resources
19 shall prioritize funding for dirt and gravel roads located along
20 streams of high quality and exceptional value.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.