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AN ACT

- Amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), 2 entitled "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of 3 4 5 the second class, school districts of the second class, 6 school districts of the third class and school districts of 7 the fourth class including independent school districts, to 8 levy, assess, collect or to provide for the levying, 9 assessment and collection of certain taxes subject to maximum 10 limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation 11 of officers, agencies and employes to assess and collect such 12 13 taxes; providing for joint collection of certain taxes, 14 prescribing certain definitions and other provisions for 15 taxes levied and assessed upon earned income, providing for 16 annual audits and for collection of delinquent taxes, and 17 permitting and requiring penalties to be imposed and 18 enforced, including penalties for disclosure of confidential information, providing an appeal from the ordinance or 19 20 resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter 21 sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," further providing for the taxing powers of certain political 22 23 subdivisions by increasing the rates of certain taxes, 24 authorizing the imposition of municipal services taxes and restricting the imposition of other taxes; providing for 25 monthly payments from employers; and making repeals. 26
- 27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 28 hereby enacts as follows:
- 29 Section 1. Section 2 introductory paragraph, (4) and (9) of

- 1 the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The
- 2 Local Tax Enabling Act, amended October 11, 1984 (P.L.885,
- 3 No.172), are amended and the section is amended by adding a
- 4 paragraph to read:
- 5 Section 2. Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions
- 6 Thereon. -- (a) The duly constituted authorities of the following
- 7 political subdivisions, cities of the second class, cities of
- 8 the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns,
- 9 townships of the first class, townships of the second class,
- 10 school districts of the second class, school districts of the
- 11 third class, and school districts of the fourth class, in all
- 12 cases including independent school districts, may, in their
- 13 discretion, by ordinance or resolution, for general revenue
- 14 purposes, levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying,
- 15 assessment and collection of such taxes as they shall determine
- 16 on persons, transactions, occupations, privileges, subjects and
- 17 personal property within the limits of such political
- 18 subdivisions, and upon the transfer of real property, or of any
- 19 interest in real property, situate within the political
- 20 subdivision levying and assessing the tax, regardless of where
- 21 the instruments making the transfers are made, executed or
- 22 delivered or where the actual settlements on such transfer take
- 23 place. The taxing authority may provide that the transferee
- 24 shall remain liable for any unpaid realty transfer taxes imposed
- 25 by virtue of this act. An occupational privilege tax may be
- 26 <u>levied only by the school districts.</u>
- 27 (b) Each local taxing authority may, by ordinance or
- 28 resolution, exempt any person whose total income from all
- 29 sources is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum
- 30 from the per capita or similar head tax, occupation tax and

- 1 occupational privilege tax, or earned income tax, or any portion
- 2 thereof, and may adopt regulations for the processing of claims
- 3 for exemptions. [Such]
- 4 (c) The local authorities shall not have authority by virtue
- 5 of this act:
- 6 * * *
- 7 (4) To levy, assess and collect a tax on goods and articles
- 8 manufactured in such political subdivision or on the by-products
- 9 of manufacture, or on minerals, timber, natural resources and
- 10 farm products produced in such political subdivision or on the
- 11 preparation or processing thereof for use or market, or on any
- 12 privilege, act or transaction related to the business of
- 13 manufacturing, the production, preparation or processing of
- 14 minerals, timber and natural resources, or farm products, by
- 15 manufacturers, by producers and by farmers with respect to the
- 16 goods, articles and products of their own manufacture,
- 17 production or growth, or on any privilege, act or transaction
- 18 relating to the business of processing by-products of
- 19 manufacture, or on the transportation, loading, unloading or
- 20 dumping or storage of such goods, articles, products or by-
- 21 products; except that local authorities may levy, assess and
- 22 collect taxes on the occupation, occupational privilege, per
- 23 capita and earned income or net profits of natural persons
- 24 engaged in the above activities whether doing business as
- 25 individual proprietorship or as members of partnerships or other
- 26 associations[;]. An occupational privilege tax may be levied
- 27 only by school districts.
- 28 * * *
- 29 (9) To levy, assess or collect any tax on individuals for
- 30 the privilege of engaging in an occupation (occupational

- 1 privilege tax) except that such a tax may be levied, assessed
- 2 and collected only by the [political subdivision] school
- 3 <u>district</u> of the taxpayer's place of employment.
- 4 Payment of any occupational privilege tax to any [political
- 5 subdivision] school district by any person pursuant to an
- 6 ordinance or resolution passed or adopted under the authority of
- 7 this act shall be limited to [ten dollars (\$10) on] five dollars
- 8 (\$5) for each person for each calendar year.
- 9 The situs of such tax shall be the place of employment, but,
- 10 in the event a person is engaged in more than one [occupation,
- 11 or an occupation which requires his working in more than one
- 12 political subdivision during the calendar year, the priority of
- 13 claim to collect such occupational privilege tax shall be in the
- 14 following order: first, the political subdivision in which a
- 15 person maintains his principal office or is principally
- 16 employed; second, the political subdivision in which the person
- 17 resides and works, if such a tax is levied by that political
- 18 subdivision; third, the political subdivision in] school
- 19 district during the calendar year, the priority of claim to
- 20 collect such occupational privilege tax shall be in the
- 21 <u>following order: first, the school district in which a person</u>
- 22 <u>maintains his principal office or is principally employed;</u>
- 23 second, the school district in which a person resides and works,
- 24 if such a tax is levied by that school district; and third, the
- 25 school district in which a person is employed and which imposes
- 26 the tax nearest in miles to the person's home. The place of
- 27 employment shall be determined as of the day the taxpayer first
- 28 becomes subject to the tax during the calendar year.
- 29 It is the intent of this provision that no person shall pay
- 30 more than [ten dollars (\$10)] five dollars (\$5) to a school

- 1 <u>district</u> in any calendar year as an occupational privilege tax
- 2 irrespective of the number of [political subdivisions] school
- 3 <u>districts</u> within which such person may be employed within any
- 4 given calendar year.
- 5 In case of dispute, a tax receipt of the taxing authority for
- 6 that calendar year declaring that the taxpayer has made prior
- 7 payment which constitutes prima facie certification of payment
- 8 to all other political subdivisions.
- 9 * * *
- 10 Notwithstanding any provision of this act, no per capita tax,
- 11 <u>occupation assessment tax or flat rate occupational privilege</u>
- 12 tax shall be imposed by any city of the second, second class A
- 13 or third class, borough, incorporated town or township under the
- 14 authority of this act.
- 15 Section 2. Section 8 first paragraph of the act, amended or
- 16 added October 11, 1984 (P.L.885, No.172) and July 9, 1987
- 17 (P.L.203, No.30), is amended and the section is amended by
- 18 adding paragraphs to read:
- 19 Section 8. Limitations on Rates of Specific Taxes.--[No]
- 20 Except for any home rule municipality operating pursuant to the
- 21 <u>act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the "Home Rule</u>
- 22 Charter and Optional Plans Law, " which may impose higher tax
- 23 rates on municipal residents, no taxes levied under the
- 24 provisions of this act shall be levied by any political
- 25 subdivision on the following subjects exceeding the rates
- 26 specified in this section:
- 27 (1) Per capita[, poll] or other similar head taxes, [ten
- 28 dollars (\$10)] five dollars (\$5) to be levied and collected only
- 29 by school districts.
- 30 (2) On each dollar of the whole volume of business

- 1 transacted by wholesale dealers in goods, wares and merchandise,
- 2 one mill, by retail dealers in goods, wares and merchandise and
- 3 by proprietors of restaurants or other places where food, drink
- 4 and refreshments are served, one and one-half mills; except in
- 5 cities of the second class, where rates shall not exceed one
- 6 mill on wholesale dealers and two mills on retail dealers and
- 7 proprietors. This mercantile tax shall be levied only by cities
- 8 of the second, second class A or third class, boroughs, towns
- 9 and townships. The rate of mercantile tax imposed by a
- 10 municipality shall be offset by any rate imposed by a
- 11 coterminous school district. No such tax shall be levied on the
- 12 dollar volume of business transacted by wholesale and retail
- 13 dealers derived from the resale of goods, wares and merchandise,
- 14 taken by any dealer as a trade-in or as part payment for other
- 15 goods, wares and merchandise, except to the extent that the
- 16 resale price exceeds the trade-in allowance.
- 17 (3) (i) On wages, salaries, commissions and other earned
- 18 income of individuals, [one percent.] up to one percent in
- 19 increments of one-quarter of one percent for cities of the
- 20 second, second class A or third class, boroughs, towns and
- 21 <u>townships</u>.
- 22 (ii) On wages, salaries, commissions and other earned income
- 23 of individuals up to one-half of one percent in increments of
- 24 one-quarter of one percent for all school districts. An
- 25 <u>additional tax may be imposed up to one-half of one percent in</u>
- 26 <u>increments of one-quarter of one percent by those school</u>
- 27 districts which eliminate any or all of the taxes imposed on
- 28 <u>occupations</u>, <u>per capita</u>, <u>occupational assessment</u>, <u>business</u>
- 29 privilege and mercantile taxes pursuant to section 8.1.
- 30 (4) On retail sales involving the transfer of title or

- 1 possession of tangible personal property, two percent.
- 2 (5) On the transfer of real property, one percent.
- 3 (6) On admissions to places of amusement, athletic events
- 4 and the like, and on motion picture theatres in cities of the
- 5 second class, ten percent.
- 6 (7) Flat rate occupation taxes not using a millage or
- 7 percentage as a basis, ten dollars (\$10) to be levied and
- 8 collected only by school districts.
- 9 (8) Occupational privilege taxes, [ten dollars (\$10)] <u>five</u>
- 10 dollars (\$5) to a school district but not to be collected by
- 11 <u>employers</u>.
- 12 (9) On admissions to ski facilities, ten percent. The tax
- 13 base upon which the tax shall be levied shall not exceed forty
- 14 percent of the cost of the lift ticket. The lift ticket shall
- 15 include all costs of admissions to the ski facility.
- 16 (10) On admissions to golf courses, ten percent. The tax
- 17 base upon which the tax shall be levied shall not exceed forty
- 18 percent of the greens fee. The greens fee shall include all
- 19 costs of admissions to the golf course.
- 20 (11) On admissions to bowling alleys or bowling lanes, ten
- 21 percent. The tax base upon which the tax shall be levied shall
- 22 not exceed forty percent of the charge imposed upon a patron for
- 23 the sale of admission to or the privilege of admission to a
- 24 bowling alley or bowling lane to engage in one or more games of
- 25 bowling.
- 26 (12) (i) Municipal services tax to be levied only by cities
- 27 of the second, second class A or third class, boroughs, towns
- 28 and townships:
- 29 (A) at a flat rate up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50)
- 30 <u>per person employed within the municipality or,</u>

- 1 (B) subject to the provisions of section 8.2, a rate of one-
- 2 <u>quarter of one percent of the earned income of each person</u>
- 3 <u>employed within the municipality.</u>
- 4 (ii) The situs of the municipal services tax shall be the
- 5 place of employment which shall be determined as of the day the
- 6 taxpayer first becomes subject to the tax during the calendar
- 7 year. In the event a person is engaged in more than one
- 8 occupation, or an occupation which requires the person to work
- 9 <u>in more than one municipality during the calendar year, the</u>
- 10 priority of claim to collect the municipal services tax shall be
- 11 in the following order: first, the municipality in which a
- 12 person maintains his principal office or is principally
- 13 employed; second, the municipality in which the person resides
- 14 and works, if the municipal services tax is levied by that
- 15 <u>municipality</u>; or third, the municipality in which a person is
- 16 employed and which imposes the municipal services tax nearest in
- 17 miles to the person's home.
- 18 (iii) The one-quarter of one percent municipal services tax
- 19 shall be subject to withholding by the employer and payments and
- 20 reports shall be made to the taxing jurisdiction in the same
- 21 manner prescribed in Divison IV of section 13. The fifty dollar
- 22 (\$50) flat rate municipal services tax shall not be collected by
- 23 employers.
- 24 (iv) In the case of a dispute, a tax receipt of the taxing
- 25 <u>authority for that calendar year declaring that the taxpayer has</u>
- 26 <u>made prior payment constitutes prima facie certification of</u>
- 27 payment to all other political subdivisions.
- 28 (v) It is the intent of this subclause that any person who
- 29 was subject to and has paid the tax authorized in subclause (i)
- 30 during the calendar year and who, during that same calendar

- 1 year, subsequently becomes subject to another tax under
- 2 <u>subclause (i) receive the relief prescribed herein as follows:</u>
- 3 (A) Payment of the flat rate tax and subsequent liability
- 4 for the percentage tax, a credit of the flat rate tax against
- 5 the percentage tax.
- 6 (B) Payment of the flat rate tax and subsequent liability
- 7 for the flat rate tax, a credit of the paid flat rate tax
- 8 against the later flat rate tax.
- 9 (C) Payment of all or part of the percentage tax and
- 10 <u>subsequent liability for a later percentage tax, a division of</u>
- 11 the total tax liability based on the amount of time spent in
- 12 <u>each taxing jurisdiction</u>.
- (D) Payment of all or part of the percentage tax and
- 14 subsequent liability for a later flat rate tax, a credit of the
- 15 paid percentage tax against the later flat rate tax.
- 16 (13) Business privilege tax to be levied only by cities of
- 17 the second, second class A or third class, boroughs, towns and
- 18 townships at a maximum rate of three mills on gross receipts.
- 19 The rate of business privilege tax imposed by a municipality
- 20 shall be offset by any rate imposed by a coterminous school
- 21 district.
- 22 * * *
- 23 On or after July 1, 1995, no school district subject to the
- 24 provisions of this act shall have the authority or power to levy
- 25 any mercantile tax or any business privilege tax. However, every
- 26 <u>school district which enacted a mercantile tax or a business</u>
- 27 privilege tax on or before July 1, 1995, may continue to assess,
- 28 <u>levy</u> and collect such tax at the enacted rate.
- 29 Any school district which is imposing a higher earned income,
- 30 per capita or occupational privilege tax rate than specified in

- 1 the first paragraph of this section or any taxing authority
- 2 <u>imposing a higher business privilege tax than specified in the</u>
- 3 first paragraph of this section for the tax year 1995 or for
- 4 school districts, the tax year 1995-1996, shall be permitted to
- 5 continue to levy, assess and collect such tax at that higher
- 6 rate but shall not be empowered to increase the rate of such
- 7 <u>tax.</u>
- 8 Section 3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 9 <u>Section 8.1. School District Option on Earned Income.--Any</u>
- 10 school district which is subject to the provisions of this act
- 11 may elect to levy, assess and collect an additional tax upon
- 12 <u>earned income pursuant to section 13 at the rate of up to one-</u>
- 13 half of one percent in increments of one-quarter of one percent.
- 14 Any school district electing to levy this tax shall permanently
- 15 lose the authority to levy and collect a per capita tax,
- 16 <u>occupational privilege tax, occupation tax, mercantile tax and</u>
- 17 business privilege tax as provided for in this act with the
- 18 following exceptions:
- 19 (1) Should the revenue expected from the earned income tax
- 20 <u>levied by the school district at their maximum rate not be</u>
- 21 adequate to fully offset the net revenue loss from the
- 22 elimination of the taxes as provided for in this section, the
- 23 school district shall have the authority to continue to levy the
- 24 <u>minimum number of the eliminated taxes needed to offset not more</u>
- 25 than one hundred ten percent of the net revenue loss. In order
- 26 to achieve this revenue amount, the school district shall reduce
- 27 the rate of levy of no more than one of the reimposed eliminated
- 28 taxes to the necessary level.
- 29 (2) Should the actual total revenue realized from the earned
- 30 income tax levied at their maximum rate collected by a school

- 1 district during the first year of implementation result in a net
- 2 revenue loss from the elimination of the taxes provided in this
- 3 <u>section</u>, and should expected revenues from this tax produce an
- 4 expected net revenue loss for the second year of implementation,
- 5 the school district shall have the authority to reimpose one or
- 6 more of the eliminated taxes under the provisions set forth in
- 7 <u>clause (1).</u>
- 8 Section 8.2. Limitation on Municipal Services Tax. -- With the
- 9 <u>exception of home rule municipalities</u>, any other municipality
- 10 which levies an earned income tax at a rate in excess of three-
- 11 quarters of one percent shall not have the power to levy a
- 12 <u>municipal services tax at the rate of one-quarter of one</u>
- 13 percent.
- 14 Section 4. Section 9 of the act, amended December 12, 1968
- 15 (P.L.1203, No.377), is amended to read:
- 16 Section 9. Register for Earned Income, Municipal Services
- 17 and Occupational Privilege Taxes. -- (a) It shall be the duty of
- 18 the Department of Community Affairs to have available an
- 19 official continuing register supplemented annually of all earned
- 20 income, municipal services and occupational privilege taxes
- 21 levied under authority of this act. The register and its
- 22 supplements, hereinafter referred to as the register, shall list
- 23 such jurisdictions levying earned income [and/or], municipal
- 24 <u>services and</u> occupational privilege taxes, the [rate] <u>rates</u> of
- 25 the tax as stated in the tax levying ordinance or resolution,
- 26 [and the effective rate on resident and nonresident taxpayers,
- 27 if different from the stated rate because of a coterminous
- 28 levy,] on resident and nonresident taxpayers, and the name and
- 29 address of the officer responsible for administering the
- 30 collection of the tax and from whom information, forms for

- 1 reporting and copies of rules and regulations are available.
- 2 [With each jurisdiction listed, all jurisdictions making
- 3 coterminous levies shall also be noted and their tax rates
- 4 shown.]
- 5 (b) Information for the register shall be furnished by the
- 6 secretary of each taxing body to the Department of Community
- 7 Affairs in such manner and on such forms as the Department of
- 8 Community Affairs may prescribe. The information must be
- 9 received by the Department of Community Affairs by certified
- 10 mail not later than May 31 of each year to show new tax
- 11 enactments, repeals and changes. Failure to comply with this
- 12 date for filing may result in the omission of the levy from the
- 13 register for that year. Failure of the Department of Community
- 14 Affairs to receive information of taxes continued without change
- 15 may be construed by the department to mean that the information
- 16 contained in the previous register remains in force.
- 17 <u>(c)</u> The Department of Community Affairs shall have the
- 18 register with such annual supplements as may be required by new
- 19 tax enactments, repeals or changes available upon request not
- 20 later than July 1 of each year. The effective period for each
- 21 register shall be from July 1 of the year in which it is issued
- 22 to June 30 of the following year.
- 23 (d) Employers shall not be required by any local ordinance
- 24 to withhold from the [wages, salaries, commissions or other
- 25 compensation] earned income of their employes any tax imposed
- 26 under the provisions of this act, which is not listed in the
- 27 register, or make reports of [wages, salaries, commissions or
- 28 other] compensation in connection with taxes not so listed:
- 29 Provided, That if the register is not available by July 1, the
- 30 register of the previous year shall continue temporarily in

- 1 effect for an additional period not to exceed one year. The
- 2 provisions of this section shall not affect the liability of any
- 3 taxpayer for taxes lawfully imposed under this act.
- 4 (e) Ordinances or resolutions imposing earned income [or
- 5 occupational privilege] taxes under authority of this act may
- 6 contain provisions requiring employers doing business within the
- 7 jurisdiction of the political subdivision imposing the tax to
- 8 withhold the tax from the compensation of those of their
- 9 employes who are subject to the tax: Provided, That no employer
- 10 shall be held liable for failure to withhold earned income taxes
- 11 or for the payment of such withheld tax money to a political
- 12 subdivision other than the political subdivision entitled to
- 13 receive such money if such failure to withhold or such incorrect
- 14 transmittal of withheld taxes arises from incorrect information
- 15 as to the employe's place of residence submitted by the employe:
- 16 [And provided further, That employers shall not be required by
- 17 any local ordinance to withhold from compensation for any one of
- 18 their employes for the occupational privilege tax more than one
- 19 time in any fiscal period:] And provided further, That the
- 20 occupational privilege tax shall be applicable to employment in
- 21 the period beginning January 1, of the current year and ending
- 22 December 31 of the current year, except that taxes imposed for
- 23 the first time shall become effective from the date specified in
- 24 the ordinance or resolution, and the tax shall continue in force
- 25 on a calendar year basis.
- 26 Section 5. Division IV of section 13 of the act is amended
- 27 to read:
- 28 Section 13. Earned Income Taxes. -- On and after the effective
- 29 date of this act the remaining provisions of this section shall
- 30 be included in or construed to be a part of each tax levied and

- 1 assessed upon earned income by any political subdivision levying
- 2 and assessing such tax pursuant to this act. The definitions
- 3 contained in this section shall be exclusive for any tax upon
- 4 earned income and net profits levied and assessed pursuant to
- 5 this act, and shall not be altered or changed by any political
- 6 subdivision levying and assessing such tax.
- 7 * * *
- 8 IV. Collection at Source
- 9 (a) Every employer having an office, factory, workshop,
- 10 branch, warehouse, or other place of business within the taxing
- 11 jurisdiction imposing a tax on earned income or net profits
- 12 within the taxing district who employs one or more persons,
- 13 other than domestic servants, for [a salary, wage, commission or
- 14 other compensation] <u>such earned income</u>, who has not previously
- 15 registered, shall, within fifteen days after becoming an
- 16 employer, register with the officer his name and address and
- 17 such other information as the officer may require.
- 18 (b) Every employer having an office, factory, workshop,
- 19 branch, warehouse, or other place of business within the taxing
- 20 jurisdiction imposing a tax on earned income or net profits
- 21 within the taxing district who employs one or more persons,
- 22 other than domestic servants, for [a salary, wage, commission,
- 23 or other] compensation, shall deduct at the time of payment
- 24 thereof, the tax imposed by ordinance or resolution on the
- 25 earned income due to his employe or employes, and shall, on or
- 26 before [April 30, of the current year, July 31, of the current
- 27 year, October 31, of the current year, and January 31, of the
- 28 succeeding year] the last day of each month, file a return and
- 29 pay to the officer the amount of taxes deducted during the
- 30 preceding [three-month periods ending March 31, of the current

- 1 year, June 30, of the current year, September 30, of the current
- 2 year, and December 31, of the current year, respectively.]
- 3 month. If the total taxes do not exceed two hundred dollars
- 4 (\$200) per month, such return may be made on or before April 30
- 5 of the current year, July 31 of the current year, October 31 of
- 6 the current year, and January 31 of the succeeding year for
- 7 taxes deducted during the preceding three-month period to such
- 8 <u>respective dates.</u> Such return [unless otherwise agreed upon
- 9 between the officer and employer shall show the name and social
- 10 security number of each such employe, the earned income of such
- 11 employe during such preceding three-month period, the tax
- 12 deducted therefrom, the political subdivisions imposing the tax
- 13 upon such employe, the total earned income of all such employes
- 14 during such preceding three-month period, and] shall show only
- 15 the total tax deducted [therefrom] and paid with the return.
- 16 [Any employer who for two of the preceding four quarterly
- 17 periods has failed to deduct the proper tax, or any part
- 18 thereof, or has failed to pay over the proper amount of tax to
- 19 the taxing authority, may be required by the officer to file his
- 20 return and pay the tax monthly. In such cases, payments of tax
- 21 shall be made to the officer on or before the last day of the
- 22 month succeeding the month for which the tax was withheld.]
- 23 Flat rate occupational privilege taxes and flat rate
- 24 municipal services taxes shall not be subject to withholding by
- 25 <u>employers</u>. However, employers shall file listings of all
- 26 <u>employes subject to an occupational privilege tax or a municipal</u>
- 27 services tax as of January 1 of each year with each taxing
- 28 jurisdiction where the employer has a place of business. The
- 29 required listings shall be submitted no later than March 1 of
- 30 each year and shall include the name, address and social

- 1 <u>security number of each employe</u>.
- 2 (c) On or before February 28, of the succeeding year, every
- 3 employer shall file with the officer:
- 4 (1) An annual return showing [the total amount of earned
- 5 income paid,] the total amount of tax deducted, and the total
- 6 amount of tax paid to the officer for the period beginning
- 7 January 1, [of the current year,] and ending December 31, of the
- 8 [current] preceding year.
- 9 (2) A return withholding statement for each employe employed
- 10 during all or any part of the period beginning January 1[, of
- 11 the current year,] and ending December 31, of the [current
- 12 year,] preceding year, or a listing of such employes setting
- 13 forth the employe's name, address and social security number,
- 14 the amount of earned income paid to the employe during said
- 15 period, the amount of tax deducted, the political subdivisions
- 16 imposing the tax upon such employe, the amount of tax paid to
- 17 the officer. Every employer shall furnish two copies of the
- 18 individual return to the employe for whom it is filed.
- 19 (d) Every employer who discontinues business prior to
- 20 December 31, of the current year, shall, within thirty days
- 21 after the discontinuance of business, file the returns and
- 22 withholding statements hereinabove required and pay the tax due.
- 23 (e) Except as otherwise provided in section 9, every
- 24 employer who wilfully or negligently fails or omits to make the
- 25 deductions required by this section shall be liable for payment
- 26 of the taxes which he was required to withhold to the extent
- 27 that such taxes have not been recovered from the employe.
- 28 (f) The failure or omission of any employer to make the
- 29 deductions required by this section shall not relieve any
- 30 employe from the payment of the tax or from complying with the

- 1 requirements of the ordinance or resolution relating to the
- 2 filing of declarations and returns.
- 3 * * *
- 4 Section 6. Section 14 first paragraph of the act, amended
- 5 October 26, 1972 (P.L.1043, No.261), is amended to read:
- 6 Section 14. Payment of Tax to Other Political Subdivisions
- 7 or States as Credit or Deduction; Withholding Tax.--[Payment of
- 8 any tax to any political subdivision pursuant to an ordinance or
- 9 resolution passed or adopted prior to the effective date of this
- 10 act shall be credited to and allowed as a deduction from the
- 11 liability of taxpayers for any like tax respectively on
- 12 salaries, wages, commissions, other compensation or on net
- 13 profits of businesses, professions or other activities and for
- 14 any income tax imposed by any other political subdivision of
- 15 this Commonwealth under the authority of this act.] Payment of
- 16 any tax on earned income or net profits of businesses,
- 17 professions or other activities imposed by a city of the first
- 18 class pursuant to the act of August 5, 1932 (Sp.Sess., P.L.45,
- 19 No.45), referred to as the Sterling Act, shall not be credited
- 20 to or allowed as a deduction against the payment of any tax on
- 21 <u>earned income or net profits of businesses, professions or other</u>
- 22 activities to a political subdivision by residents thereof
- 23 pursuant to an ordinance or resolution passed or adopted
- 24 pursuant to this act.
- 25 * * *
- 26 Section 7. Section 17 of the act is repealed.
- 27 Section 8. The following acts or parts of acts are repealed
- 28 insofar as they permit the levy, assessment and collection of a
- 29 per capita tax, an occupational privilege tax, a residence tax
- 30 or an occupational assessment tax:

- 1 Clause 3 of section 2531 of the act of June 23, 1931
- 2 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code.
- 3 Section 1709 of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331),
- 4 known as The First Class Township Code.
- 5 Section 905 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known
- 6 as The Second Class Township Code.
- 7 Section 1302 of the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656,
- 8 No.581), known as The Borough Code.
- 9 Section 9. This act shall be applied to the tax year
- 10 beginning on or after January 1 of the year following the
- 11 effective date of this amendatory act and each year thereafter.
- 12 Section 10. The employer withholding requirements imposed in
- 13 section 13 of the act shall not be made retroactive. Every
- 14 employer shall be allowed at least 90 days to meet the imposed
- 15 requirements by each taxing jurisdiction.
- 16 Section 11. In the year following the enactment of this act
- 17 no municipality or school district shall have a total aggregate
- 18 revenue from all tax sources in excess of 110% of the amount of
- 19 all tax revenues from the previous year.
- 20 Section 12. This act shall take effect immediately.