
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 249 Session of
2003

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HORSEY, LEVDANSKY, GERGELY, PALLONE, PAYNE AND WILT,
FEBRUARY 11, 2003

SENATOR THOMPSON, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," further providing for tax levies.

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

7 Section 1. Clauses two and seven of section 1709(a) of the
8 act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First
9 Class Township Code, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949
10 (P.L.1955, No.569) and amended December 17, 1990 (P.L.744,
11 No.186), are amended to read:

12 Section 1709. Tax Levies.--(a) The board of township
13 commissioners may levy taxes upon all property and upon all
14 occupations within the township made taxable for township
15 purposes, as ascertained by the valuation for county purposes

1 made by the assessors of the several counties of this
2 Commonwealth for the year for which the township taxes are
3 levied, for the purposes and at the rate hereinafter specified:
4 Provided, however, That such valuation shall be subject to
5 correction by the county commissioners of the several counties,
6 and to appeal by the taxable persons in accordance with existing
7 laws.

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9 Two. (i) An annual tax not exceeding three mills for the
10 purpose of:

11 (A) building and maintaining suitable places for the housing
12 of fire apparatus [and for the purpose of];

13 (B) purchasing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus
14 [and for the purposes of];

15 (C) making of appropriations to fire companies within or
16 without the township [and of];

17 (D) contracting with adjacent municipalities or volunteer
18 fire companies therein for fire protection[.];

19 (E) the training of fire personnel and payments to fire
20 training schools and centers;

21 (F) the purchase of land upon which to erect a fire house;
22 and

23 (G) the erection and maintenance of a fire house or fire
24 training school and center.

25 (ii) The township may appropriate up to one-half, but not to
26 exceed one mill, of the revenue generated from a tax under this
27 clause for the purpose of paying salaries, benefits or other
28 compensation of fire suppression employees of the township or a
29 fire company serving the township.

30 (iii) If an annual tax for the purposes specified in this

1 clause is proposed to be set at a level higher than three mills
2 the question shall be submitted to the voters of the township,
3 and the county board of elections shall frame the question in
4 accordance with the election laws of the Commonwealth for
5 submission to the voters of the township.

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7 Seven. (i) An annual tax [not exceeding one-half mill] for <—
8 the purpose of supporting ambulance [and], rescue [squads] and
9 other emergency services serving the township, except as
10 provided in subsection (c).

11 (ii) The township may appropriate up to one-half of the
12 revenue generated from a tax under this clause for the purpose
13 of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of employes
14 of an ambulance, rescue or other emergency service serving the
15 township.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.