
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1103 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, HENNESSEY, MANN, DeWEESE, BEBKO-JONES,
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WANSACZ, WATERS, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 24, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 24, 2005

AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare for
2 emergency energy assistance.

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

5 Section 1. Appropriation.

6 An amount equal to 0.25 mills of the utilities' gross
7 receipts tax collected during each fiscal year under Article XI
8 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax
9 Reform Code of 1971, shall be appropriated annually from the
10 General Fund to the Department of Public Welfare for State-
11 funded emergency energy assistance if the Governor declares that
12 weather conditions, natural or man-made disasters or high energy
13 prices, or a combination thereof, are a threat to public health
14 within this Commonwealth and available Federal home energy
15 assistance funds are not sufficient to meet this need. The
16 Governor shall publish this emergency declaration in the

- 1 Pennsylvania Bulletin along with the criteria and emergency
- 2 regulations for this program.
- 3 Section 2. Effective date.
- 4 This act shall take effect immediately.