

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2185 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY TANGRETTI, HERMAN, ROSS, GINGRICH AND LESCOVITZ,
NOVEMBER 2, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 2, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further
9 providing for required financial reporting.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1720 of the act of August 9, 1955
13 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended December
14 17, 2001 (P.L.919, No.107), is amended to read:

15 Section 1720. Controller's Settlement of Accounts; Report to
16 Common Pleas; Publications; Financial Report to Department of
17 Community and Economic Development.--The controller shall, at
18 the end of each fiscal year, complete the audit, settlement and
19 adjustment of the accounts of all county officers. He shall,
20 before the first day of [April] July in every year, make a
21 report, verified by oath or affirmation, to the Court of Common

1 Pleas of said county, of all receipts and expenditures of the
2 county for the preceding year, in detail, and classified by
3 reference to the object thereof, together with a full statement
4 of the financial conditions of the county. A concise summary of
5 this report shall thereupon be published one time in such
6 newspapers published in said county as the controller may
7 direct, but the aggregate cost thereof shall not exceed fifteen
8 hundred dollars (\$1500) in any one year in any county, to be
9 paid for out of the county treasury. Such report may also be
10 published in printed pamphlets at the cost of the county, the
11 number and cost of such pamphlets to be determined by the
12 controller and the county commissioners. The controller shall
13 also, before the first day of [April] July, make an annual
14 report to the Department of Community and Economic Development
15 of the financial condition of the county, on forms furnished by
16 the Secretary of Community and Economic Development, and subject
17 to the penalties provided in section one thousand seven hundred
18 twenty-one of this act for auditors refusing or neglecting to
19 make similar reports. Within the summary of the auditor's or
20 controller's report, there shall be a notice to the public that
21 the entire text of the report shall be available for public
22 inspection during regular business hours in the office of the
23 auditor or controller.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.