THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

AN ACT

Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of
 the electors, of \$20,000,000 to provide additional funding
 for the rehabilitation and renovation of senior centers; and
 establishing the Senior Center Grant Program Fund.

- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Short title.
- 8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Senior Center
- 9 Grant Program Fund Act.
- 10 Section 2. Definitions.
- 11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.
15 "Fund." The Senior Center Grant Program Fund established in
16 section 8.

"Program." The Senior Center Grant Program under the act of
 December 17, 1984 (P.L.999, No.201), known as the Senior Center
 Grant Program Act.

4 Section 3. Referendum.

5 The question of incurring indebtedness of \$20,000,000 to 6 provide additional funding for the rehabilitation and renovation 7 of senior center facilities shall be submitted to the electors 8 at the next primary, municipal or general election following the 9 effective date of this act.

10 Section 4. Certification.

11 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith certify the 12 question to the county boards of election.

13 Section 5. Form of question.

14 The question shall be in substantially the following form: 15 Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the 16 Commonwealth of \$20,000,000 to provide funding through 17 the Department of Aging for the rehabilitation and

18 renovation of senior center facilities?

19 Section 6. Conduct of referendum.

The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, except that the time limits for advertisement of notice of the election may be waived as to the question.

25 Section 7. Use of bond proceeds.

(a) General rule.--Proceeds of borrowing shall be used to
provide funding to senior centers to promote the purposes of the
act of December 17, 1984 (P.L.999, No.201), known as the Senior
Center Grant Program Act.

30 (b) Request for proposal.--The department shall prepare an 20070H0424B0488 - 2 -

annual request for proposal for the purpose of providing funding
 described under subsection (a). Annual funding shall at a
 minimum equal half the total amount that would have been
 necessary to fund the requests for senior center grants in the
 preceding fiscal year.

6 Section 8. Senior Center Grant Program Fund.

7 (a) Fund established.--There is hereby established in the 8 State Treasury a restricted receipt account to be known as the 9 Senior Center Grant Program Fund to provide moneys necessary to 10 implement the provisions of this act. The fund shall be 11 administered by the department, and moneys in the fund are 12 appropriated to the department on a continuing nonlapsing basis.

13 (b) Source of fund.--The fund shall consist of:

14 (1) All proceeds from the sale of bonds as approved15 under this act.

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(2) Appropriations under subsection (c).

17 (3) Interest earned by the fund.

18 (c) Appropriations.--Upon adoption of the General Fund 19 budget, the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to 20 transmit the appropriated funds which the Department of Aging 21 designates for the program in the State Lottery Fund to the 22 State Treasurer to be deposited in the Senior Center Grant 23 Program Fund.

24 Section 9. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect immediately.

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