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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 798**      Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY ARMSTRONG, APRIL 24, 2007

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 11, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title and construction.

5 (a) Short title.--This act shall be known and may be cited  
6 as the Capital Budget Act of 2007-2008.

7 (b) Supplements.--A reference to this act shall be deemed to  
8 include a reference to the supplements to this act.

9 (c) Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act.--The provisions  
10 and definitions of Chapter 3 of the act of February 9, 1999  
11 (P.L.1, No.1), known as ~~The~~ THE Capital Facilities Debt Enabling ←  
12 Act, shall apply to this act to the extent they are not  
13 inconsistent with this act.

14 Section 2. Overall limitations on debt to be incurred for  
15 capital projects.

16 The maximum principal amount of additional debt to be

1 incurred during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, AND THEREAFTER UNTIL ←  
 2 THE ENACTMENT OF THE 2008-2009 CAPITAL BUDGET SPECIFYING THE  
 3 MAXIMUM DEBT FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR, for capital projects  
 4 specifically itemized in a capital budget pursuant to section  
 5 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and  
 6 the fund to be charged with the repayment of such debt, shall,  
 7 with respect to each category of capital projects, be as  
 8 follows:

| 9  | Category               | Amount        | Fund            |
|----|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 10 | (1) Public Improvement |               |                 |
| 11 | Projects:              |               |                 |
| 12 | (i) Buildings and      |               | General Fund or |
| 13 | Structures             | \$320,000,000 | Special Fund as |
| 14 |                        |               | applicable      |
| 15 | (2) Furniture and      |               | General Fund or |
| 16 | Equipment              | 25,000,000    | Special Fund as |
| 17 |                        |               | applicable      |
| 18 | (3) Transportation     |               |                 |
| 19 | Assistance Projects    | 150,000,000   | General Fund    |
| 20 | (4) Redevelopment      |               |                 |
| 21 | Assistance Projects    | 250,000,000   | General Fund    |
| 22 | (5) Flood Control      |               |                 |
| 23 | Projects               | 7,000,000     | General Fund    |
| 24 | Total                  | \$752,000,000 |                 |

25 Section 3. Payment of settlement or awards of claims.  
 26 Notwithstanding the provisions of 62 Pa.C.S. § 1726 (relating  
 27 to payment of awards and costs), for fiscal year 2007-2008 the  
 28 settlement or award of claims arising from construction  
 29 contracts for public improvement projects may be paid by the  
 30 Department of General Services from available funds in accounts

1 within the Capital Facilities Fund that include funds no longer  
2 required for the design, acquisition or construction of any  
3 approved capital project.

4 Section 4. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, or immediately,  
6 whichever is later.