AN ACT

Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes, providing for emergency tax anticipation notes.

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

Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 8121.1. Emergency tax anticipation notes.

(a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares that the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and the resulting global pandemic from COVID-19, has had an unexpected and sudden effect on the citizens, governments and businesses of the Commonwealth, including a material negative effect on the revenues of many local government units.

(b) Emergency borrowing authorized.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this title or law, a local government unit may borrow money under section 8121 (relating to power to issue
tax anticipation notes) with the following additional terms:

(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the governing body's anticipation of current taxes or current revenues may include an anticipation that the taxes levied or revenues receivable may not be received, in full or in part, until after the end of the current fiscal year due to the extension of tax filing deadlines, administrative break-down during the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa. B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, unexpected severe economic contraction or the inability to timely enforce collection due to the proclamation of disaster emergency.

(2) In addition to the other requirements under this subchapter, a governing body shall establish a maturity date for a tax anticipation note issued under this subsection which shall not be later than the last day of the following fiscal year of the local government which ends not less than 15 months or more than 26 months following the effective date of this subsection.

(c) Expiration.--No local government unit may borrow money under the authorization of this section after December 31, 2021.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.