

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 23, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating  
3 harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results  
4 thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a  
5 departmental administrative commission within the Department  
6 of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing  
7 for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants  
8 subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such  
9 plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission  
10 and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing  
11 penalties; and making appropriations," further providing for  
12 distribution of funds and changing the maximum amount of  
13 funds that may be distributed to any one project.

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

16 Section 1. Subsection (a.1) of section 16, act of December  
17 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728), referred to as the State Harness  
18 Racing Law, added December 30, 1974 (P.L.1139, No.364) is  
19 amended to read:

20 Section 16. Disposition and Appropriation of Funds Accruing  
21 under the Provisions of this Act.--\* \* \*

22 (a.1) Thirty-six and one-third per centum of such moneys  
23 paid into the State Harness Racing Fund by permit holders

1 conducting racing other than in school districts of the first  
2 class shall be paid to the Department of Commerce. Moneys paid  
3 to the Department of Commerce are hereby appropriated, for  
4 distribution together with any funds appropriated for community  
5 facility programs, by the Secretary of Commerce to eligible  
6 boroughs having a population of less than ten thousand, eligible  
7 townships having a population of less than twelve thousand, each  
8 of their municipality authorities, or county authorities  
9 authorized to service the borough or township, for projects  
10 providing for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration,  
11 expansion, or improvement of water facilities, sewage disposal  
12 facilities and access roads, in amounts not to exceed [twenty-  
13 five] forty per centum of the cost thereof, in accordance with  
14 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce and  
15 approved by the Governor. No distribution shall be made in  
16 connection with any project unless it is determined that the  
17 project:

18 (1) Is not in conflict with programs of other departments of  
19 the Commonwealth;

20 (2) Is not inconsistent with an existing development plan  
21 for the municipality;

22 (3) Could not otherwise be financed, except from funds  
23 appropriated for community facility programs;

24 (4) Will either strengthen the income-producing capability  
25 of the municipality, or improve the health and safety of the  
26 community; and

27 (5) Is necessary to orderly community development.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.