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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 28, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," establishing the Office of
21 Emergency Preparedness, granting powers and duties and making
22 an appropriation.

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

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
26 as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding
27 sections to read:

1 Section 478. Office of Emergency Preparedness Creation;

2 Purpose.--(a) There is hereby created in the Governor's Office
3 the Office of Emergency Preparedness hereafter called office.

4 (b) The purpose of the Office of Emergency Preparedness
5 shall be to insure a state of readiness and preparedness in the
6 event of a natural disaster, crisis created by extreme weather
7 fuel shortage or any other calamity and to organize, collect and
8 interpret data relating to natural and artificial resources and
9 to determine the critical impact of the availability of said
10 resources and materials on the safety and welfare of
11 Pennsylvania and its citizens.

12 Section 479. Composition and Terms of Members of Office of

13 Emergency Preparedness.--(a) The Office of Emergency
14 Preparedness shall consist of no fewer than ten nor more than
15 twenty members to be appointed by the Governor. The business
16 community, State and local government, consumers and minorities
17 shall each be represented in the membership of said office.

18 (b) One-half of the members to be initially appointed shall
19 serve three-year terms and the remaining initial appointees
20 shall serve two-year terms, thereafter all members shall serve
21 two-year terms.

22 Section 480. Powers and Duties of Office of Emergency

23 Preparedness.--(a) The Office of Emergency Preparedness shall
24 file a quarterly report with the Governor and the Legislature or
25 at anytime requested by the Governor and Legislature on the
26 progress and activities of said office.

27 (b) The Office of Emergency Preparedness shall develop a
28 two-year plan, a five-year plan and a ten-year plan. Said plans
29 are to project the availability of resources, the procuring of
30 economical productive energy sources, the uses of resources and

1 the effects of said uses in the event of a natural disaster or
2 other emergency. The plans shall also include a plan for the
3 prevention of anticipated natural disasters.

4 (c) The Office of Emergency Preparedness shall collect,
5 interpret, coordinate and analyze the information affecting
6 energy and climatic conditions of any local or State government,
7 board, commission or agency in order to effectively carry out
8 the purposes of this office and maintain an active, up-to-date
9 status service on past, present and future availability of all
10 energy source. The office shall also maintain an active, up-to-
11 date status relating to projected possible natural disasters.

12 (d) The office shall make recommendations to the House,
13 Senate, and Governor as to actions that should be taken to
14 better secure a state of readiness and future security relating
15 to natural and unnatural disasters and emergencies.

16 Section 481. Executive Director and Staff.--The members of
17 the office shall appoint an executive director to coordinate the
18 official business of the office and he shall appoint necessary
19 personnel to staff the office.

20 Section 2. The sum of \$525,000, or as much thereof as may be
21 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Office of Emergency
22 Preparedness to carry out the provisions of this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.