

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2586 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY COCHRAN, STAIRS AND F. E. TAYLOR, JUNE 9, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 9, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the regulation of pari-mutuel  
3 thoroughbred horse racing and harness horse racing  
4 activities; imposing certain taxes and providing for the  
5 disposition of funds from pari-mutuel tickets," further  
6 providing for the distribution of moneys retained from pari-  
7 mutuel pools.

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

10 Section 1. Clause (3) of subsection (b) of section 222, act  
11 of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the "Race Horse  
12 Industry Reform Act," is amended to read:

13 Section 222. Distribution of moneys retained from pari-mutuel  
14 pools; taxation.

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16 (b) The State Harness Racing Commission shall make all  
17 distributions of moneys from the State Harness Racing Fund. The  
18 State Horse Racing Commission shall make all distribution of  
19 moneys from the State Horse Racing Fund. The commissions shall  
20 distribute moneys from their respective funds in the following

1 manner:

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3 (3) An amount equal to the greater of \$750,000 from each  
4 fund or the amount equivalent to one-fourth of one percent of  
5 the amount wagered each racing day at thoroughbred horse race  
6 meetings and harness horse race meetings shall be paid by  
7 each commission, from their respective fund through the  
8 Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce for  
9 distribution by the Secretary of Commerce to eligible  
10 boroughs having a population of less than 12,000, eligible  
11 cities having a population of less than 12,000, eligible  
12 townships having a population of less than 12,000, each of  
13 their municipality authorities, or county authorities  
14 authorized to service the borough or township, for projects  
15 providing for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration,  
16 expansion or improvement of water facilities, sewage disposal  
17 facilities and access roads, in amounts not to exceed 75% of  
18 the cost, but not exceeding \$75,000 except in the case of  
19 applicants meeting the criteria of the department for  
20 designation as an economically distressed county or  
21 economically distressed community in which case grants shall  
22 not exceed \$150,000, if in accordance with regulations  
23 promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce and approved by the  
24 Governor provided such regulations do not require a local  
25 matching financial contribution representing a percentage of  
26 the actual amount of the grant awarded from an applicant  
27 meeting the criteria of the department for designation as an  
28 economically distressed county or economically distressed  
29 community. No distribution shall be made in connection with  
30 any project unless it is determined that the project:

- 1           (i) is not in conflict with programs of other  
2 departments of the Commonwealth;
- 3           (ii) is not inconsistent with an existing  
4 development plan for the municipality;
- 5           (iii) could not otherwise be financed;
- 6           (iv) will strengthen the income-producing capability  
7 of the municipality, or improve the health and safety of  
8 the community;
- 9           (v) is necessary to orderly community development;
- 10          and
- 11          (vi) does not involve other State funds.

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