

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1287 Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, MAY 4, 1987

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 15, 1987

AN ACT

1 Making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation
2 Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry
3 to provide for the expenses of administering The Pennsylvania
4 Workmen's Compensation Act and The Pennsylvania Occupational
5 Disease Act for the fiscal year July 1, 1987, to June 30,
6 1988, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining
7 unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987.

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

10 Section 1. (A) The sum of \$12,225,000, or as much thereof <—
11 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Workmen's
12 Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and
13 Industry for the payment of all salaries, wages and other
14 compensation and travel expenses, for contractual services and
15 other expenses necessary for the administration of the act of
16 June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as The Pennsylvania
17 Workmen's Compensation Act and the act of June 21, 1939
18 (P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational
19 Disease Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and for

1 the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close
2 of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987.

3 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE FILLED <—
4 COMPLEMENT LEVEL OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION REFEREES BE INCREASED
5 TO AT LEAST 55 AND THAT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED
6 FOR THE REFEREES SO THAT THE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONTESTED
7 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CASES IS REDUCED AND THE PRESENT BACKLOG
8 OF CASES ARE BROUGHT TO DECISION.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1987, or
10 immediately, whichever is later.