THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1287

Session of 1987

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, MAY 4, 1987

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 29, 1987

AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry to provide for the expenses of administering The Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act and The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act for the fiscal year July 1, 1987, to June 30, 1988, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining 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:	
LO	Section 1. (A) The sum of $\$12,225,000$ $\$13,028,000$, or as	<
L1	much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from	
L2	the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department	
L3	of Labor and Industry for the payment of all salaries, wages and	
L4	other compensation and travel expenses, for contractual services	
L5	and other expenses necessary for the administration of the act	
L6	of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as The Pennsylvania	
L7	Workmen's Compensation Act and the act of June 21, 1939	
L8	(P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational	

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.