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ARGALL, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, J. TAYLOR AND OLASZ, MAY 17, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MAY 17, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527, No.106), entitled "An
2 act providing for the rehabilitation, development and
3 acquisition of land, water and structural resources; defining
4 the powers and duties of certain offices, agencies and
5 municipalities; providing for the allotment of proceeds
6 hereunder including Commonwealth grants; prescribing
7 standards; and making appropriations," providing additional
8 funds to the Department of Community Affairs; and extending
9 certain provisions of the law for an additional period.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Sections 4(a) and 9 of the act of July 2, 1984
13 (P.L.527, No.106), known as the Recreational Improvement and
14 Rehabilitation Act, amended July 13, 1987 (P.L.300, No.55), are
15 amended to read:

16 Section 4. Appropriation of moneys.

17 (a) Appropriation.--From the moneys received by the
18 Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes
19 pursuant to the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.512, No.104), known as

1 the Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Act, there are hereby
2 appropriated as follows:

3 (1) The sum of \$19,780,000, or as much thereof as may be
4 necessary, is appropriated from the Pennsylvania Economic
5 Revitalization Fund to the Department of Environmental
6 Resources for the period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending
7 June 30, 1988, for site development and material costs for
8 projects authorized and funded under the act of July 2, 1984
9 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation
10 Corps Act. The Secretary of Environmental Resources shall
11 have the power to promulgate such statements of policy,
12 guidelines, rules and regulations as may be necessary to
13 effectuate the programs undertaken, including contracting
14 with persons, firms, partnerships, associations or
15 corporations as may be necessary. The Department of
16 Environmental Resources shall establish procedures for the
17 application and distribution of funds pursuant to this
18 section. Municipalities sponsoring projects authorized and
19 funded under the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act shall be
20 eligible to receive funding under this paragraph only for
21 those projects having recreation purposes and then no more
22 than 75% of the cost of development and materials for those
23 projects. All other projects sponsored by municipalities
24 shall be ineligible for funding under this paragraph.

25 (2) The sum of [~~\$24,000,000~~] \$30,000,000, or as much
26 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the
27 Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Fund to the Department
28 of Community Affairs for the period beginning July 1, 1984,
29 and ending June 30, [1988] 1989, for State grants-in-aid to
30 municipalities and, in the case of cities of the first class,

1 park commissions, for land acquisition, rehabilitation,
2 studies and development projects for recreation and
3 conservation purposes, community centers and open space
4 benefits as specified in section 3. The appropriated funds
5 shall be expended by the Department of Community Affairs so
6 that [\$18,000,000] \$24,000,000 is expended in equal sums over
7 a [three-year] four-year period from July 1, 1984, to June
8 30, [1987] 1988, and the remaining \$6,000,000 is expended in
9 the fiscal year July 1, [1987] 1988, to June 30, [1988] 1989.
10 Funding shall be allocated to projects in accordance with the
11 following:

12 (i) Not less than 50% of the total allocation shall
13 be used to pay up to 50% for rehabilitation, studies and
14 development projects.

15 (ii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation shall
16 be used to pay up to 50% of the project costs for
17 acquisition of recreation, park and open space benefit
18 lands.

19 (iii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation
20 shall be used to pay up to 50% for community center
21 projects.

22 (iv) The department shall develop a small community
23 or small projects component. This program shall be for
24 the above purposes and those under section 3. This
25 component shall be for grants-in-aid for projects of up
26 to \$15,000 in amount, shall be up to 100% grants-in-aid
27 and will cover only material costs, to assist those
28 municipalities with a population of 4,000 or less
29 residents unable to meet the matching requirements
30 specified in this section.

1 (v) No municipality, other than a city of the first
2 class, shall be eligible to receive more than \$200,000 in
3 grants-in-aid in any fiscal year. No city of the first
4 class, including park commissions within such cities,
5 shall cumulatively be eligible to receive more than
6 \$600,000 in grants-in-aid in any fiscal year.

7 (vi) Not more than 5% of the total allocation shall
8 be used by the department for personnel, equipment and
9 operating costs to administer the Recreational
10 Improvement and Rehabilitation Program and to provide
11 technical assistance to municipalities for both grant-
12 related and other recreation and conservation-related
13 services. After June 30, [1988] 1989, the department may
14 continue to use unspent funds from previous allocations
15 pursuant to this section to administer the closeout of
16 the grant projects and to continue a program of technical
17 assistance.

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19 Section 9. Termination.

20 No funds under this act shall be awarded as grants-in-aid by
21 the Department of Community Affairs after June 30, [1990] 1991.
22 All funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental
23 Resources for site development and material costs for projects
24 authorized pursuant to the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561,
25 No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act, shall
26 be expended by June 30, 1989.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.