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AND WOZNIAK, MARCH 20, 1997

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,
JUNE 2, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
30 Commonwealth," further providing for redevelopment assistance
31 capital projects; providing limitations on redevelopment

1 assistance capital projects; and making editorial changes.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. The definition of "Redevelopment Assistance
5 Capital Project" in section 1602-B of the act of April 9, 1929
6 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, amended June 28,
7 1993 (P.L.183, No.39), is amended to read:

8 Section 1602-B. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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10 "Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project" shall mean the
11 design and construction of facilities which (i) are facilities
12 other than housing units, highways, bridges, waste disposal
13 facilities, sewage systems or facilities, or water systems or
14 facilities, and are projects which cannot obtain funding under
15 other State or Federal programs; (ii) are economic development
16 projects which generate substantial increases in employment, tax
17 revenues or other measures of economic activity, including such
18 projects with cultural, historical or civic significance; (iii)
19 are facilities which have a regional or multijurisdictional
20 impact; (iv) are eligible for tax-exempt bond funding under
21 existing Federal law and regulations; (v) have a fifty per
22 centum non-State participation documented at the time of
23 application, at least half of which is secured funding, and
24 which the only noncash non-State participation permitted is land
25 donation and toward which State funds from other programs may
26 not be used, Provided, however, That a portion of any funds
27 reserved for the future physical maintenance and operation of
28 the facilities may be included as a part of the fifty per centum
29 non-State participation; and (vi) have a total project cost of
30 five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or more for projects in first

1 and second class counties and three million dollars (\$3,000,000)
2 or more for projects in second class A through eighth class
3 counties, or for such projects in municipalities designated as
4 "financially distressed municipalities" under the provisions of
5 the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the
6 "Municipalities Financial Recovery Act," or municipalities that
7 are identified at the time of application by the Department of
8 Community [Affairs] and Economic Development, under the
9 department's early warning system, as scoring at least one-half
10 standard deviation above the mean score, or municipalities that
11 have part or all of an enterprise zone within the municipal
12 boundaries, and have a total project cost of one million dollars
13 (\$1,000,000) or more; and (vii) have a cooperation agreement
14 between the applicant and a redevelopment authority or
15 industrial development authority or general purpose unit of
16 local government if the applicant does not administer the grant.
17 Applicants can be redevelopment authorities, industrial
18 development authorities or general purpose units of local
19 government.

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21 Section 2. Sections 1616.1-B and 1616.2-B(a) of the act,
22 amended or added June 28, 1993 (P.L.183, No.39), are amended to
23 read:

24 Section 1616.1-B. Appropriation and Limitation on
25 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Projects.--(a) The amount
26 necessary to pay principal of and interest on all obligations
27 issued to provide funds for redevelopment assistance capital
28 projects is hereby appropriated from the General Fund and shall
29 be transferred to the Capital Debt Fund upon authorization by
30 the Governor.

1 (b) The maximum amount of redevelopment assistance capital
2 projects undertaken by the Commonwealth for which obligations
3 are to be issued shall not exceed, in aggregate, [seven hundred
4 million dollars (\$700,000,000).] one billion dollars
5 (\$1,000,000,000). ~~No more than forty per centum of said amount~~ <—
6 ~~shall be allocated or granted for projects located in a county~~
7 ~~of the first class and no more than thirty per centum of said~~
8 ~~amount shall be allocated or granted for projects located in a~~
9 ~~county of the second class.~~

10 Section 1616.2-B. Funding and Administration of
11 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Projects.--(a) The Secretary
12 of the Budget, in consultation with the Secretary of [Commerce
13 and the Secretary of Community Affairs] Community and Economic
14 Development, shall approve or disapprove redevelopment
15 assistance capital projects.

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.