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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 26, 2003

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of  
2 the electors, of \$20,000,000 to provide additional funding  
3 for the rehabilitation and renovation of senior centers; and  
4 establishing the Senior Center Grant Program Fund.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Senior Center  
9 Grant Program Fund Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.

15 "Fund." The Senior Center Grant Program Fund established in  
16 section 8.

1 "Program." The Senior Center Grant Program under the act of  
2 December 17, 1984 (P.L.999, No.201), known as the Senior Center  
3 Grant Program Act.

4 Section 3. Referendum.

5 The question of incurring indebtedness of \$20,000,000 to  
6 provide additional funding for the rehabilitation and renovation  
7 of senior center facilities shall be submitted to the electors  
8 at the next primary, municipal or general election following the  
9 effective date of this act.

10 Section 4. Certification.

11 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith certify the  
12 question to the county boards of election.

13 Section 5. Form of question.

14 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

15 Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the  
16 Commonwealth of \$20,000,000 to provide funding through  
17 the Department of Aging for the rehabilitation and  
18 renovation of senior center facilities?

19 Section 6. Conduct of referendum.

20 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of  
21 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the  
22 Pennsylvania Election Code, except that the time limits for  
23 advertisement of notice of the election may be waived as to the  
24 question.

25 Section 7. Use of bond proceeds.

26 (a) General rule.--Proceeds of borrowing shall be used to  
27 provide funding to senior centers to promote the purposes of the  
28 act of December 17, 1984 (P.L.999, No.201), known as the Senior  
29 Center Grant Program Act.

30 (b) Request for proposal.--The department shall prepare an

1 annual request for proposal for the purpose of providing funding  
2 described under subsection (a). Annual funding shall at a  
3 minimum equal half the total amount that would have been  
4 necessary to fund the requests for senior center grants in the  
5 preceding fiscal year.

6 Section 8. Senior Center Grant Program Fund.

7 (a) Fund established.--There is hereby established in the  
8 State Treasury a restricted receipt account to be known as the  
9 Senior Center Grant Program Fund to provide moneys necessary to  
10 implement the provisions of this act. The fund shall be  
11 administered by the department, and moneys in the fund are  
12 appropriated to the department on a continuing nonlapsing basis.

13 (b) Source of fund.--The fund shall consist of:

14 (1) All proceeds from the sale of bonds as approved  
15 under this act.

16 (2) Appropriations under subsection (c).

17 (3) Interest earned by the fund.

18 (c) Appropriations.--Upon adoption of the General Fund  
19 budget, the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to  
20 transmit the appropriated funds which the Department of Aging  
21 designates for the program in the State Lottery Fund to the  
22 State Treasurer to be deposited in the Senior Center Grant  
23 Program Fund.

24 Section 9. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect immediately.