

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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STABACK, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK,  
JUNE 27, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
JUNE 27, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 7, 1990 (P.L.639, No.165), entitled  
2 "An act establishing a Statewide hazardous material safety  
3 program; creating the Hazardous Material Response Fund;  
4 providing for the creation of Hazardous Material Emergency  
5 Response Accounts in each county; further providing for the  
6 powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management  
7 Agency, of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council and  
8 of the counties and local governments; imposing obligations  
9 on certain handlers of hazardous materials; and imposing  
10 penalties," providing for a low-interest revolving loan  
11 program for certain business entities that store or handle  
12 hazardous materials; and making an appropriation.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of December 7, 1990 (P.L.639, No.165),  
16 known as the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response  
17 Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 301.1. Hazardous material security low-interest  
19 revolving loan program.

20 The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
21 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Labor and

Industry for the purpose of funding a revolving low-interest loan program for businesses that report their use of hazardous materials to the Department of Labor and Industry in compliance with this act. These appropriated funds may be used to augment any Federal funds that may be available under Federal antiterrorism law. Loans shall be used to increase the security of hazardous materials storage facilities and handling areas. The Department of Labor and Industry shall establish the method of loan distribution, loan interest rate and application process and otherwise administer the loan program in a manner that maximizes the security objectives of the loan program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.