THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 325

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY SCHRODER, KENNEY, ADOLPH, ALLEN, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BLACKWELL, BOYD, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DALLY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, FLICK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, LEACH, LEDERER, LEH, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McCALL, McILHATTAN, MELIO, R. MILLER, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEMMEL, SHANER, STABACK, STERN, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WALKO, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILLIAMS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZUG, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

AN ACT

- Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An 2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, 5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain 8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," further providing for disposition of certain 10 11 funds relating to the cigarette tax.
- 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 13 hereby enacts as follows:
- 14 Section 1. Section 1296 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
- 15 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, amended June 29,
- 16 2002 (P.L.559, No.89), is amended to read:
- 17 Section 1296. Disposition of Certain Funds.--Receipts from

- 1 the tax imposed by this article shall be deposited into the
- 2 General Fund. Twenty million four hundred eighty-five thousand
- 3 dollars (\$20,485,000) of the receipts deposited into the General
- 4 Fund in accordance with this section shall be transferred
- 5 annually to the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase
- 6 Fund. Thirty million seven hundred thirty thousand dollars
- 7 (\$30,730,000) of the receipts deposited into the General Fund in
- 8 accordance with this section shall be transferred annually to
- 9 the Children's Health Fund for health care for indigent
- 10 children. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of the receipts
- 11 deposited into the General Fund in accordance with this section
- 12 <u>shall be allocated annually to the Department of Health for the</u>
- 13 purpose of prostate cancer research as prescribed under the
- 14 <u>department's cancer control program.</u> The transfers required by
- 15 this section shall be made in two equal payments by July 15 and
- 16 January 15.
- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, or
- 18 immediately, whichever is later.