

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 965 Session of
2005

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WHEATLEY, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 15, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), entitled
2 "An act providing for a commercial downtown enhancement
3 program to be administered by the Department of Community and
4 Economic Development," further providing for the Main Street
5 Program.

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

8 Section 1. Section 3(b) of the act of April 23, 2002
9 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, is amended to
10 read:

11 Section 3. Program.

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13 (b) Requirements.--The program shall at a minimum include
14 the following components:

15 (1) Basic grants, for up to five years, for

administrative costs associated with the hiring of a manager.

(2) [Commercial downtown] Downtown reinvestment grants for infrastructure and structural improvements, including streets, streetlights, trees, housing, commercial and residential facades and sidewalks or other pedestrian-oriented features.

(3) Plans for marketing and promoting the established commercial downtown within the Main Street area.

(3.1) Plans for marketing and promoting residential opportunities within the Main Street area.

(4) Plans to leverage additional private and public investment in the Main Street area.

(5) Plans to address social or economic concerns within the Main Street area.

(6) Plans, to the greatest extent possible, to achieve consistency with existing revitalization efforts.

(7) An assessment of the potential need for the following components:

(i) The establishment of a neighborhood improvement district as defined in the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement District Act.

(ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the viability of the Main Street area.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.