

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, McCALL, COHEN, BELFANTI, BEYER, BLACKWELL, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CONKLIN, CURRY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KULA, LEACH, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MELIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYTON, PETRARCA, PETRONE, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, SURRA, SWANGER, VEREB, WALKO, WANSACZ, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND W. KELLER, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

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

1 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
2 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
3 Commonwealth," further providing for appropriation to
4 Emergency Energy Assistance Fund.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1752-A of the act of April 9, 1929
8 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, added December 16,
9 2005 (P.L.439, No.81), is amended to read:

10 Section 1752-A. Appropriation to Emergency Energy Assistance
11 Fund.

12 An amount equal to not more than 1.0 mill of the gross
13 receipts tax collected during each fiscal year under Article XI
14 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax
15 Reform Code of 1971, shall be appropriated for the fiscal year
16 [July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006,] July 1, 2007, to June 30,
17 2008, from the General Fund to the Emergency Energy Assistance
18 Fund, to be administered by the Department of Public Welfare for
19 State-funded emergency energy assistance if the Governor issues
20 a declaration that either weather conditions, natural or man-
21 made disasters, or high energy prices or a combination thereof
22 are a threat to public health within this Commonwealth and
23 available Federal home energy assistance funds are not
24 sufficient to meet this need. The Governor shall publish this
25 emergency declaration in the Pennsylvania Bulletin along with
26 the criteria and emergency regulations for this program and
27 shall transmit copies of the declaration to the chairman and
28 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate
29 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations
30 Committee of the House of Representatives.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.