THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1631 Session of 2007

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AN ACT

- 1 Providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and
- 2 Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2007-2008; itemizing projects
- 3 to be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic
- 4 Development, together with their estimated financial costs;
- 5 authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and
- 6 making appropriations.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. Short title.
- 10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
- 11 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget
- 12 Itemization Act for 2007-2008.
- 13 Section 2. Total authorizations from Pennsylvania Gaming
- 14 Economic Development and Tourism Fund.
- 15 The total authorization for the projects itemized in section
- 16 3 for grants by the Department of Community and Economic
- 17 Development, its successors or assigns, and to be financed from
- 18 the revenues of the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and
- 19 Tourism Fund shall be \$498,240,000.

1	Section 3. Itemization of Pennsylvania Gaming Economic		
2	Development and Tourism Fund projects.		
3	Projects for grants by the Department of Community and		
4	Economic Development, its successors or assigns, to be financed		
5	by the incurring of debt or revenues of the Pennsylvania Gaming		
6	Economic Development and Tourism Fund are hereby itemized,		
7	together with their respective estimated costs, as follows:		
8	Project		
9	Project Allocation		
10	(2) Allegheny County		
11	(i) County projects		
12	(A) Retirement of the indebtedness of an		
13	urban redevelopment authority in a city		
14	of the second class which is financed,		
15	in part, with the utilization of funds		
16	transferred to the regional asset		
17	district pursuant to Article XXXI-B of		
18	the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723,		
19	No.230), known as the Second Class		
20	County Code 65,740,000		
21	(Base Project Allocation - \$65,740,000)		
22	(B) Retirement of indebtedness of a		
23	convention center in a city of the		
24	second class established pursuant to		
25	the authority of the act of July 29,		
26	1953 (P.L.1034, No.270), known as the		
27	Public Auditorium Authorities Law 20,000,000		
28	(Base Project Allocation - \$20,000,000)		
29	(C) Payment of the operating deficit for		
30	the operation of a convention center in		

1		a city of the second class established	
2		pursuant to the Public Auditorium	
3		Authorities Law	20,000,000
4		(Base Project Allocation - \$20,000,000)	
5	(D)	Payments related to the construction	
6		of a facility designated for use by a	
7		professional hockey franchise,	
8		including \$500,000 to a nonprofit	
9		community development fund to fund	
10		infrastructure, construction and	
11		redevelopment projects	8,000,000
12		(Base Project Allocation - \$8,000,000)	
13	(E)	Debt service and development and	
14		economic development projects for an	
15		international airport located in a	
16		county of the second class	150,000,000
17		(Base Project Allocation -	
18		\$150,000,000)	
19	(F)	Distribution to a community	
20		infrastructure development fund of a	
21		county of the second class to fund	
22		construction, development, improvement	
23		and maintenance of infrastructure	
24		projects	80,000,000
25		(Base Project Allocation - \$80,000,000)	
	(G)	Retirement of indebtedness and	
26		financing of a hotel or convention	
26 27			
		center in a city of the second class	
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1		Law	44,000,000
2		(Base Project Allocation - \$44,000,000)	
3	(H)	Retirement of indebtedness of a county	
4		of the second class development fund	
5		created pursuant to the authority of	
6		Article XXXI-B of the Second Class	
7		County Code and the act of May 24, 1945	
8		(P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban	
9		Redevelopment Law	30,000,000
10		(Base Project Allocation - \$30,000,000)	
11	(40) Luze:	rne County	
12	(i) Co	unty projects	
13	(A)	Payments related to the construction	
14		and development of a cargo airport,	
15		including acquisition, infrastructure	
16		and other related costs	16,500,000
17		(Base Project Allocation - \$16,500,000)	
18	(51) Phila	adelphia County	
19	(i) Co	unty projects	
20	(A)	Reimbursement to the Commonwealth, any	
21		other body corporate and politic	
22		created by law or a city of the first	
23		class to the extent that the	
24		Commonwealth, any other body corporate	
25		and politic created by law or a city of	
26		the first class has made debt service	
27		payments for the Pennsylvania	
28		Convention Center or has made payments	
29		for the operation expenses of the	

the prior fiscal year 64,000,000

- 2 (Base Project Allocation \$64,000,000)
- 3 Section 4. Duration of payments.
- 4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the following
- 5 shall apply to the projects authorized in section 3:
- 6 (1) The amount allocated to the project described in
- 7 section 3(2)(i)(A) shall be made through 2014-2015 in annual
- 8 amounts, not to exceed \$7,782,000 each, pursuant to an
- 9 agreement with the Commonwealth specifying the amounts to be
- 10 paid each year. The payment for 2014-2015 shall not exceed
- 11 \$11,736,000.

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- 12 (2) The amount allocated to the project described in
- section 3(2)(i)(C) shall be made in annual amounts, not to
- exceed \$2,000,000, for ten years. However, the amount paid
- shall not exceed the operating deficit of the David L.
- 16 Lawrence Convention Center.
- 17 (3) The amount allocated to the project described in
- section 3(2)(i)(D) and (40)(i)(A) shall be made in annual
- 19 amounts, in the amount allocated, for 30 years or the
- 20 retirement of the debt issued for the project described in
- section 3(2)(i)(D) and (40)(i)(A), whichever is less.
- 22 (4) The amount allocated to the projects described in
- 23 section 3(2)(i)(E) shall be made in annual amounts, not to
- 24 exceed \$15,000,000, for ten years.
- 25 (5) The amount allocated to the project described in
- section 3(51)(i)(A) and shall be made in annual amounts, not
- 27 to exceed the amount allocated, for 30 years or the
- retirement of the debt issued for the project described in
- section 3(51)(i)(A), whichever is less. However, the amount
- 30 paid may not exceed the actual amounts of debt service and

- 1 operating expenses in any year. Payments made pursuant to
- 2 section 3(51)(i)(A) which are reimbursements to the General
- 3 Fund shall be deposited into the Capital Debt Fund for
- 4 repayment of the debt issued.
- 5 Section 5. Appropriation.
- 6 The sums necessary for the annual amounts itemized in
- 7 sections 3 and 4 are hereby appropriated from the Pennsylvania
- 8 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the Department
- 9 of Community and Economic Development, upon approval of the
- 10 Governor, for the projects itemized in this act.
- 11 Section 6. Special provisions.
- 12 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 4 Pa.C.S. § 1407(d)
- 13 (relating to Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development Tourism
- 14 Fund), the project authorized in section 3(2)(i)(D) shall be
- 15 eligible for funding from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic
- 16 Development and Tourism Fund in the ten-year period beginning
- 17 with the first fiscal year during which deposits are made into
- 18 the fund.
- 19 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 4 Pa.C.S. § 1407(d),
- 20 the project authorized in section 3(51)(i)(A) shall be eligible
- 21 for funding from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic
- 22 Development and Tourism Fund in the ten-year period beginning
- 23 with the first fiscal year during which deposits are made into
- 24 the fund and may include repayment of bonds issued to replace
- 25 bonds issued for the Pennsylvania Convention Center,
- 26 reimbursement of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
- 27 for bonds issued for the construction of the Pennsylvania
- 28 Convention Center, or operating expenses of the Pennsylvania
- 29 Convention Center.
- 30 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the

- 1 requirements of section 318 of the act of February 9, 1999
- 2 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling
- 3 Act, shall provide the sole and exclusive requirements for
- 4 bidding for the acquisition, development construction of the
- 5 project in section 3(2)(i)(D).
- 6 Section 7. Effective date.
- 7 This act shall take effect immediately.