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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 29, 2009

AN ACT

- 1 Establishing the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund;
- and providing for the deposit of a portion of the liquor tax
- into the fund and for use of fund.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Short title.
- 7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Drug and
- 8 Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund Act.
- 9 Section 2. Definitions.
- 10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 12 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 13 "Fund." The Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund
- 14 established in section 3.

- 1 "Liquor tax." The tax imposed in accordance with the act of
- 2 June 9, 1936 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.13, No.4), entitled "An act
- 3 imposing an emergency State tax on liquor, as herein defined,
- 4 sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the
- 5 collection and payment of such tax; and imposing duties upon the
- 6 Department of Revenue and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control
- 7 Board."
- 8 "Liquor tax rate." The rate of tax imposed pursuant to
- 9 section 2 of the act of June 9, 1936 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.13,
- 10 No.4), entitled "An act imposing an emergency State tax on
- 11 liquor, as herein defined, sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor
- 12 Control Board; providing for the collection and payment of such
- 13 tax; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue and the
- 14 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board."
- 15 Section 3. Establishment of special fund.
- 16 The Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund is
- 17 established as a special fund in the State Treasury. The money
- 18 of the fund is hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to
- 19 carry out the provisions of this act.
- 20 Section 4. Certifications, notifications and reports.
- 21 (a) Secretary of Revenue certification. -- Within 15 days of
- 22 the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue
- 23 shall calculate and certify the amount to be deposited in the
- 24 fund for the fiscal year. The amount certified shall be
- 25 calculated by determining the revenue derived from 12.85
- 26 percentage points of the liquor tax rate in the immediately
- 27 preceding fiscal year.
- 28 (b) Secretary of the Budget notification. -- Within 30 days of
- 29 the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Budget
- 30 shall notify each Commonwealth agency receiving allocations

- 1 under this act of the amount of the allocation for the fiscal
- 2 year.
- 3 (c) Annual report. -- The Governor shall report on the fund in
- 4 the annual budget. The report shall include the amounts
- 5 allocated to each program.
- 6 Section 5. Drug and alcohol treatment and prevention funding.
- 7 (a) General rule. -- The Department of Revenue shall transfer
- 8 the revenue received by the Commonwealth pursuant to the
- 9 imposition of the liquor tax from the General Fund to the fund.
- 10 No amount in excess of the amount calculated and certified under
- 11 section 4(a) shall be transferred to the fund in the fiscal
- 12 year.
- 13 (b) Allocations. -- The money in the fund shall be allocated
- 14 out of the amount certified under section 4(a) as follows:
- 15 (1) 8.835% shall be allocated to the Department of
- Public Welfare to provide for a continuum of alcohol and drug
- 17 detoxification and rehabilitation services to persons
- 18 eliqible for medical assistance pursuant to section 2334 of
- 19 the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The
- 20 Administrative Code of 1929.
- 21 (2) 30.559% shall be allocated to the Department of
- 22 Public Welfare for behavioral health services for individuals
- affected by eligibility changes for the general assistance
- 24 medically needy only program based on section 442.1 of the
- 25 act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public
- Welfare Code.
- 27 (3) 22.732% shall be allocated to the Department of
- Health to distribute to single county authorities for the
- 29 provision of drug and alcohol services to include prevention,
- treatment, intervention and case management.

- 1 (4) 9.569% shall be allocated to the Governor for the
- 2 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide
- 3 drug and alcohol treatment-based restrictive intermediate
- 4 punishment programs. The allocation under this paragraph
- 5 shall be expended on programs that treat only offenders who
- 6 fall under 204 Pa. Code § 303.11(b)(3) or (4) (relating to
- 7 quideline sentence recommendations: sentencing levels).
- 8 (5) 28.305% shall be allocated to the Department of
- 9 Corrections to provide comprehensive drug and alcohol
- 10 treatment to the inmate population including assessment,
- 11 education, intensive treatment and aftercare.
- 12 (c) Lapses.--Lapses from money provided for a program under
- 13 this section shall be reallocated to that Commonwealth agency
- 14 and program specified in subsection (b) for use in succeeding
- 15 years.
- 16 Section 28. Repeals.
- 17 All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are
- 18 inconsistent with this act.
- 19 Section 29. Applicability.
- This act shall apply to the fiscal year beginning after the
- 21 effective date of this section and to each fiscal year
- 22 thereafter.
- 23 Section 30. Effective date.
- This act shall take effect immediately.