

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1626 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BEAR AND DELOZIER, JUNE 6, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 6, 2011

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  
 28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
 29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
 30 Commonwealth," authorizing the State Treasurer to enter into  
 31 an agreement to set off Federal debt.

32 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 33 hereby enacts as follows:

1       Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known  
2 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

3       Section 615. Agreement Authorized; Federal Debt Setoff.--(a)  
4 The State Treasurer is authorized to enter into an agreement  
5 with the United States to participate in the Treasury Offset  
6 Program pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3716 (relating to administrative  
7 offset) for the collection of any debts owed to Commonwealth  
8 agencies. The agreement may provide for the United States to  
9 submit debts owed to Federal agencies for offset against  
10 Commonwealth payments and provide for the Commonwealth to submit  
11 debts owed to Commonwealth agencies for offset against Federal  
12 payments.

13       (b) The Treasurer of the United States shall reduce any  
14 Commonwealth payment by the amount of any Federal debt submitted  
15 in accordance with the agreement authorized by this section, and  
16 pay such amount to the appropriate Federal official in  
17 accordance with the procedures specified in the agreement.

18       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.