

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 2244 Session of  
2012

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MARCH 12, 2012

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, MARCH 28, 2012

## AN ACT

1 ~~Establishing the Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Account;~~ ←  
2 ~~providing for transfer from the Surface Mining Conservation~~  
3 ~~and Reclamation Fund; and making appropriations.~~  
4 PROVIDING FOR WATERSHED DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION. ←

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

7 ~~Section 1. Short title.~~ ←

8 ~~This act shall be known and may be cited as the Watershed~~  
9 ~~Disaster Reconstruction Act of 2012.~~

10 ~~Section 2. Definitions.~~

11 ~~The following words and phrases when used in this act shall~~  
12 ~~have the meanings given to them in this section unless the~~  
13 ~~context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

14 ~~"Account." The Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Account~~  
15 ~~established in section 3.~~

16 ~~Section 3. Account.~~

17 ~~There is hereby established within the General Fund an~~

~~account to be known as the Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Account.~~

~~Section 4. Transfer.~~

~~The sum of \$4,400,000 is hereby transferred from the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund to the Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Account.~~

~~Section 5. Appropriations.~~

~~(a) Clean streams. The sum of \$3,400,000 is hereby appropriated from the account for allocation by the Governor for payment of the Commonwealth's share necessary to secure Federal funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for stream restoration.~~

~~(b) United States Army Corps of Engineers. The sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the account for allocation by the Governor for payment of the Commonwealth's share necessary to secure Federal funding from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to assist with small stream threats to life and property.~~

~~Section 6. Termination.~~

~~This act shall terminate September 30, 2012, and any money remaining in the account shall be transferred to the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund.~~

~~Section 7. Effective date.~~

~~This act shall take effect immediately.~~

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE WATERSHED DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2012.

SECTION 2. ALLOCATIONS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1508(A) OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, THE SUM OF



1 \$1,300,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR PAYMENT OF  
2 THE COMMONWEALTH'S SHARE NECESSARY TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING  
3 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL  
4 RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR STREAM RESTORATION.

5 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.

6 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.