

DROUGHT, ORCHARD AND NURSERY INDEMNITY AND FLOOD RELIEF ACT - AMEND  
Act of Jun. 22, 2000, P.L. 475, No. 65  
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SB 1417

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 13, 1999 (P.L.905, No.57), entitled "An act providing for emergency drought relief, for commercial orchard and fruit tree nursery indemnity, for grants for flood damage and for powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Supplemental Individual Assistance Program; providing for payment of the Commonwealth's share to secure individual assistance from the Federal Government; and making appropriations," further providing for drought relief and for appropriations.

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

Section 1. Sections 302(c) and 5102(b) of the act of December 13, 1999 (P.L.905, No.57), known as the Drought, Orchard and Nursery Indemnity and Flood Relief Act, are amended to read:

Section 302. Drought relief.

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(c) Grant criteria.--The department shall review applications and award grants using [an eligible producer's approved application for the Federal program or other documentation from which Federal payment for eligible producers will be calculated. Each eligible producer shall be eligible for a grant under this chapter in an amount not to exceed 75% of the grant received under the Federal program. If funds appropriated under section 5102(a) are not sufficient to provide grants prescribed under this chapter to all approved eligible producers, grants shall be made to eligible producers] **eligible producers' approved applications for the Federal program from which Federal payment for eligible producers is calculated. Approved eligible producers shall qualify for grants under this chapter in amounts which shall be determined** on a pro rata basis **of the maximum sum appropriated under section 5102** .

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Section 5102. Appropriations.

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(b) Crop insurance.--The sum of \$5,600,000, or as much as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Agriculture to provide payment for crop insurance [under the USDA-FSA 1999 Crop Disaster Program] in an amount up to 10% of the cost of the insurance premiums and the total amount of all related fees for [eligible] producers[, as defined in Chapter 3,] **of agricultural commodities** during calendar years 2000 and

2001. If sufficient funds are not available to provide for up to 10% of the cost of the insurance premiums and the total amount of all related fees, the Department of Agriculture shall prorate the available funds among **all** the [eligible] producers **of agricultural commodities who applied** . Any unused funds shall lapse into the General Fund on June 30, 2001.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 22nd day of June, A. D. 2000.

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