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INTRODUCED BY MANDERINO, MISCEVICH, DeMEDIO, PETRARCA, BRUNNER  
AND LAUDADIO, JANUARY 27, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating  
3 harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results  
4 thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a  
5 departmental administrative commission within the Department  
6 of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing  
7 for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants  
8 subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such  
9 plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission  
10 and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing  
11 penalties; and making appropriations," further providing for  
12 distribution of funds and changing the maximum amount of  
13 funds that may be distributed to any one project.

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

16 Section 1. Subsection (a.1) of section 16, act of December  
17 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728), referred to as the State Harness  
18 Racing Law, added December 30, 1974 (P.L.1139, No.364), is  
19 amended to read:

20 Section 16. Disposition and Appropriation of Funds Accruing  
21 under the Provisions of this Act.--\* \* \*

22 (a.1) Thirty-six and one-third per centum of such moneys  
23 paid into the State Harness Racing Fund by permit holders

1 conducting racing other than in school districts of the first  
2 class shall be paid to the Department of Commerce. Moneys paid  
3 to the Department of Commerce are hereby appropriated for  
4 distribution, if no other State funds are involved, by the  
5 Secretary of Commerce to eligible boroughs having a population  
6 of less than ten thousand, eligible townships having a  
7 population of less than twelve thousand, each of their  
8 municipality authorities, or county authorities authorized to  
9 service the borough or township, for projects providing for the  
10 construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or  
11 improvement of water facilities, sewage disposal facilities and  
12 access roads, in amounts not to exceed [twenty-five] seventy-  
13 five per centum of the cost thereof, but not exceeding seventy-  
14 five thousand dollars (\$75,000) if in accordance with  
15 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce and  
16 approved by the Governor. No distribution shall be made in  
17 connection with any project unless it is determined that the  
18 project:

19 (1) Is not in conflict with programs of other departments of  
20 the Commonwealth;

21 (2) Is not inconsistent with an existing development plan  
22 for the municipality;

23 (3) Could not otherwise be financed;

24 (4) Will either strengthen the income-producing capability  
25 of the municipality, or improve the health and safety of the  
26 community; and

27 (5) Is necessary to orderly community development.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.