

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1169 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY J. L. WRIGHT JR., O'CONNELL, KNEPPER, FISCHER,
WAGNER, SALVATORE, HOPKINS, W. D. HUTCHINSON, NOYE, BERLIN,
HALVERSON, McCLATCHY, GEESEY AND REED, MAY 25, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 25, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,
3 sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"
5 providing for declaration of a countywide state of emergency.

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

8 Section 1. The act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130),
9 known as "The County Code," is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 1948. Declaration of Countywide Emergency.--(a)
12 County commissioners shall have the power to declare a
13 countywide emergency and shall be empowered upon this
14 declaration to assume powers which they deem necessary to
15 provide for the welfare of their citizens.

16 (b) Such declaration shall have the force of law unless such
17 declaration shall be vetoed by the Governor within twenty-four
18 hours of such declaration.

19 (c) Such declaration shall not usurp the powers given to

1 local governments detailed in the borough and township codes,
2 where these powers are adequate to handle emergency situations
3 without invocation of the authority specified herein.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.