

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 121

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY J. L. WRIGHT, JR., FEBRUARY 6, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 7, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class
3 and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the laws relating thereto," providing for
5 declaration of countywide states of emergency.

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

8 Section 1. The act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known
9 as the "Second Class County Code," is amended by adding a
10 section to read:

11 Section 2148. 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
20 local governments detailed in the borough and township codes,

- 1 where these powers are adequate to handle emergency situations
- 2 without invocation of the authority specified herein.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.