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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 21, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
 2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
 3 providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and
 4 lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the
 5 Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other
 6 money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or
 7 any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
 8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
 9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
 10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
 11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
 12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
 13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
 14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
 15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth and
 17 imposing penalties; affecting every department, board,
 18 commission, and officer of the State government, every
 19 political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of
 20 such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation
 21 required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns
 22 or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes,
 23 or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth,
 24 or any agency thereof, every State depository and every
 25 debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," authorizing the
 26 department to utilize additional methods of making payments.

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

29 Section 1. Section 1503, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
 30 No.176), known as "The Fiscal Code," subsection (a) amended June

1 6, 1939 (P.L.261, No.145) subsection (b) amended March 18, 1971
2 (P.L.109, No.4) and subsection (c) amended November 23, 1976
3 (P.L.1121, No.234), is amended to read:

4 Section 1503. Payments.--(a) All payments out of the
5 several funds in the State Treasury shall be made by any means
6 acceptable to the Department of Banking or by check of the
7 Treasury Department, to be signed by the State Treasurer, or
8 someone by him duly authorized, or bearing a facsimile of the
9 State Treasurer's signature. Except as otherwise provided in
10 paragraph (b) of this section, the State Treasurer shall
11 determine the form and method of issuing such checks or making
12 payments by any other means.

13 (b) All payments out of the several funds in the State
14 Treasury appropriated for public assistance shall be made by any
15 means acceptable to the Department of Banking and determined by
16 the Treasury Department or by check of a form prescribed and
17 furnished by the Treasury Department, but filled in as to name
18 of payee and amount by the Department of Public Assistance. As
19 soon after the effective date of this act as practicable but not
20 later than sixty (60) days after such date, the Department of
21 Public Assistance shall requisition the Treasury Department for
22 supplies of serially numbered blank checks or other materials
23 necessary to utilize alternative methods of payment upon which
24 to prepare disbursements for public assistance grants, and shall
25 give its receipt to the Treasury Department for such blank
26 checks and materials, provided the Department of Public
27 Assistance shall thereupon enter the name and address of the
28 payee and the amount of payment and such other information as
29 shall be necessary, after which it shall prepare a requisition
30 on the State Treasurer in the total amount of such checks, or

1 payment and the Treasury Department shall issue its warrant in
2 the total amount thereof, and shall sign and mail the checks or
3 otherwise make payment to the payees designated thereon. This
4 procedure shall be followed in Harrisburg and at such points
5 outside the City of Harrisburg as the Governor shall determine.

6 (c) All checks except those for payment of unemployment
7 compensation and public assistance shall have imprinted upon
8 their face a statement that they will not be honored unless
9 presented within six months from their date. All checks for
10 payment of unemployment compensation and public assistance shall
11 have imprinted upon their face a statement that they will not be
12 honored unless presented within thirty days from their date.

13 Alternative methods of payment utilized by the Treasury
14 Department shall be subject to similar limitations. Upon the
15 surrender of any check which would have become void because of
16 the failure of the holder to present it for payment within the
17 period for presentation imprinted upon its face, the Treasury
18 Department shall issue a new check to the payee or payees named
19 in such check in the amount thereof or validate the original
20 check for an additional period equal to that specified on the
21 original check.

22 The Treasury Department may, if satisfied that a check has
23 been lost or destroyed, and after stopping payment thereof,
24 issue a duplicate.

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