
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1279 Session of
1982

INTRODUCED BY REIBMAN, O'CONNELL, SINGEL, FUMO, MURRAY, MOORE
AND RHOADES, JANUARY 19, 1982

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 19, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1981 (No.135), entitled "An act
2 providing for the regulation of pari-mutuel thoroughbred
3 horse racing and harness horse racing activities; imposing
4 certain taxes and providing for the disposition of funds from
5 pari-mutuel tickets," further providing for the distribution
6 of moneys retained from pari-mutuel pools.

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

9 Section 1. Paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of section 222,
10 act of December 17, 1981 (No.135), known as the "Race Horse
11 Industry Reform Act," is amended to read:

12 Section 222. Distribution of moneys retained from pari-mutuel
13 pools; taxation.

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15 (b) The State Harness Racing Commission shall make all
16 distributions of moneys from the State Harness Racing Fund. The
17 State Horse Racing Commission shall make all distribution of
18 moneys from the State Horse Racing Fund. The commissions shall
19 distribute moneys from their respective funds in the following

1 manner:

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3 (3) An amount equal to the greater of \$750,000 from each
4 fund or the amount equivalent to one-fourth of one percent of
5 the amount wagered each racing day at thoroughbred horse race
6 meetings and harness horse race meetings shall be paid by
7 each commission, from their respective fund through the
8 Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce for
9 distribution by the Secretary of Commerce to eligible
10 boroughs having a population of less than 12,000, eligible
11 cities having a population of less than 12,000, eligible
12 townships having a population of less than 12,000, each of
13 their municipality authorities, or county authorities
14 authorized to service the borough or township, for projects
15 providing for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration,
16 expansion or improvement of water facilities, sewage disposal
17 facilities and access roads, in amounts not to exceed 75% of
18 the cost, but not exceeding \$75,000 if in accordance with
19 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce and
20 approved by the Governor. No distribution shall be made in
21 connection with any project unless it is determined that the
22 project:

23 (i) is not in conflict with programs of other
24 departments of the Commonwealth;

25 (ii) is not inconsistent with an existing
26 development plan for the municipality;

27 (iii) could not otherwise be financed;

28 (iv) will strengthen the income-producing capability
29 of the municipality, or improve the health and safety of
30 the community;

1 (v) is necessary to orderly community development;
2 and

3 (vi) does not involve other State funds. Grants for
4 water facility projects may, however, be used in
5 conjunction with loans made under the act of July 12,
6 1981 (P.L.263, No.88), entitled "An act authorizing the
7 incurring of indebtedness, with approval of the electors,
8 of \$300,000,000 for the repair, construction,
9 reconstruction, rehabilitation, extension and improvement
10 of community water supply systems, and for the repair,
11 reconstruction or rehabilitation of flood control
12 facilities, dams and port facilities and providing the
13 allotment of proceeds from borrowing hereunder."

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