

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 11, 1985

AN ACT

1 Creating a special fund in the Treasury Department for use in
2 attracting major industry into this Commonwealth;
3 establishing a procedure for the appropriation and use of
4 moneys in the fund; and making an appropriation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Short title.

3 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sunny Day
4 Fund Act.

5 Section 2. Findings and declaration of policy.

6 (a) Findings.--It is hereby determined and declared as a
7 matter of legislative finding and intent:

8 (1) That involuntary unemployment and its resulting
9 burden of indigency falls with crushing force upon the
10 unemployed worker and upon counties, cities, boroughs and
11 other local governmental jurisdictions, reducing their tax
12 base and impairing their financial ability to support
13 education and other governmental services.

14 (2) That the problem of unemployment, and its
15 debilitating effects, has not been eliminated since the
16 increased level of the economy has not reached all areas of
17 this Commonwealth, nor has the economy of this Commonwealth
18 as a whole reached the level of the national economy.

19 (3) That the present and prospective health, safety,
20 morals, right to gainful employment and general welfare of
21 the people of this Commonwealth requires, as a public
22 purpose, the promotion and development of large new
23 industrial, manufacturing or research and development
24 enterprises.

25 (4) That while the Commonwealth has recently put in
26 place the best set of programs for small business available
27 in any state, there is no program or programs available which
28 has enough resources available to attract firms with large
29 numbers of new jobs available.

30 (b) Declaration of policy.--It is, therefore, declared to be

1 the policy of the Commonwealth to promote the health, safety,
2 morals, right to gainful employment and general welfare of the
3 inhabitants by the creation of a special account in the Treasury
4 Department, to be known as the Sunny Day Fund, which shall exist
5 for the public purpose of alleviating unemployment by attracting
6 large industrial, manufacturing or research and development
7 plants into this Commonwealth.

8 Section 3. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Fund." The Sunny Day Fund created by this act.

13 "Industrial enterprise." An enterprise other than a
14 mercantile, commercial or retail enterprise which, by virtue of
15 its size, requires substantial capital and which, by its nature,
16 will create substantial employment opportunities.

17 "Manufacturing enterprise." An enterprise which is engaged
18 in the giving of new shapes, new qualities or new combinations
19 to matter by the application of processes which will generate
20 substantial employment.

21 "Research and development enterprise." An enterprise for the
22 discovery of new and the refinement of known substances,
23 processes, products, theories and ideas, which will create
24 substantial employment opportunities.

25 Section 4. Operation of fund.

26 (a) Source of funds.--There is hereby created a special fund
27 in the Treasury Department to be known as the Sunny Day Fund.
28 Moneys to be deposited in the fund shall be appropriated by the
29 General Assembly, and any interest income derived from those
30 moneys shall be deposited into the fund. Moneys in the fund

1 shall remain until appropriated and expended as specified in
2 subsection (b).

3 (b) Use of funds.--Moneys in the fund shall be available,
4 upon appropriation, to the Governor and the Department of
5 Commerce in their efforts to attract industrial, manufacturing
6 or research and development enterprises to this Commonwealth.
7 Whenever the Governor determines that money from this fund is
8 necessary to attract a major enterprise to this Commonwealth, he
9 shall present a request for an appropriation, along with the
10 specifics of the total proposal and such suggested ancillary and
11 substantive legislation as may be necessary, to the chairmen of
12 the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. The General
13 Assembly may then appropriate money from the fund in the manner
14 it determines necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth in
15 the Governor's proposal. Any money appropriated according to
16 this section which is then lapsed shall return to the fund.

17 Section 5. Appropriation.

18 The sum of \$25,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the
19 General Fund to be deposited into the Sunny Day Fund to be used
20 for the purposes set forth in this act.

21 Section 6. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect immediately.