

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2457

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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, RIEGER, LINTON, DONATUCCI, TRUMAN, OLIVER,
JOSEPHS, ROEBUCK, BARBER, FATTAH, CAPPABIANCA, BLAUM, TIGUE
AND BELARDI, MAY 5, 1986

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 17, 1986

AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Community Affairs
2 for limited subsidence assistance; AND PROVIDING FOR A STUDY <—
3 OF SINKHOLE INSURANCE.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 ~~Section 1. The sum of \$70,000, or as much thereof as may be~~ <—
7 ~~necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Community~~
8 ~~Affairs for the fiscal year July 1, 1985, to June 30, 1986, to~~
9 ~~reimburse individuals and families who reside in the Logan~~
10 ~~section of the City of Philadelphia for the actual expenses of~~
11 ~~relocation which is required because their current residences~~
12 ~~were determined to be imminently or structurally dangerous due~~
13 ~~to subsidence. The maximum amount of reimbursement per~~
14 ~~residential unit shall not exceed \$5,000.~~

15 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

16 SECTION 1. THE SUM OF \$200,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE <—
17 NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY

1 AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1985, TO JUNE 30, 1986, TO
2 REIMBURSE ANY CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF
3 WHICH INCURS EXPENSES IN THE RELOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE
4 THE RESIDENCES OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS WERE DETERMINED TO BE
5 IMMINENTLY OR STRUCTURALLY DANGEROUS DUE TO SUBSIDENCE. SUCH
6 DANGEROUS PROPERTY HAS A BLIGHTING INFLUENCE ON THE COMMUNITY
7 AND THE ELIMINATION OF SUCH BLIGHTING INFLUENCE AND THE
8 ACTIVITIES INCIDENT TO SUCH ELIMINATION, INCLUDING THE
9 RELOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERSELY AFFECTED, IS HEREBY DECLARED
10 TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE. THE REIMBURSEMENT TO A CITY OF THE FIRST
11 CLASS OR AN AGENCY THEREOF SHALL BE FOR THE ACTUAL EXPENSES OF
12 RELOCATION. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT PER RESIDENTIAL
13 UNIT SHALL NOT EXCEED \$5,000.

14 SECTION 2. (A) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, IN
15 COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, THE INSURANCE
16 DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU OF TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY IN
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, SHALL STUDY THE
18 FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMMONWEALTH-OPERATED SINKHOLE
19 SUBSIDENCE INSURANCE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURING
20 COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES
21 AGAINST SINKHOLE SUBSIDENCE PREVENTION AND REPAIR.

22 (B) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS
23 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION TO THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA NO LATER THAN SIX
25 MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

26 SECTION 3. THE APPROPRIATION IN SECTION 1 SHALL BE A
27 CONTINUING APPROPRIATION AND SHALL NOT LAPSE.

28 SECTION 4. SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO
29 JULY 1, 1985.

30 SECTION 5. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.