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SENATOR FISHER, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 6, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.527, No.106), entitled "An
2 act providing for the rehabilitation, development and
3 acquisition of land, water and structural resources; defining
4 the powers and duties of certain offices, agencies and
5 municipalities; providing for the allotment of proceeds
6 hereunder including Commonwealth grants; prescribing
7 standards; and making appropriations," FURTHER PROVIDING FOR <—
8 THE USE OF FUNDS; providing additional funds to the
9 Department of Community Affairs; and extending the provisions <—
10 of the law for an additional three years.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 ~~Section 1. Sections 4(a) and 9 of the act of July 2, 1984 <—~~
14 ~~(P.L.527, No.106), known as the Recreational Improvement and~~
15 ~~Rehabilitation Act, amended July 9, 1986 (P.L.1213, No.107), are~~
16 ~~amended to read:~~

17 SECTION 1. SECTION 3(2) OF THE ACT OF JULY 2, 1984 (P.L.527, <—
18 NO.106), KNOWN AS THE RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND
19 REHABILITATION ACT, IS AMENDED TO READ:

20 SECTION 3. ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS.

1 IN ORDER TO FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FUNDS SHALL BE USED
2 ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

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4 (2) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC RECREATION OR PARK
5 AREAS, [ONLY WHERE SUCH] INCLUDING ACQUISITIONS [ARE] MADE TO
6 OBTAIN CRITICAL INHOLDING OR BUFFER AREAS ADJACENT TO
7 EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION AREAS, OR TO PRESERVE CRITICAL
8 WILDLIFE HABITAT AREAS, INCLUDING WETLANDS, OR TO DEVELOP
9 HUNTING, FISHING AND BOATING AREAS AND RELATED SUPPORT
10 FACILITIES.

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12 SECTION 2. SECTIONS 4(A) AND 9 OF THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 9,
13 1986 (P.L.1213, NO.107), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

14 Section 4. Appropriation of moneys.

15 (a) Appropriation.--From the moneys received by the
16 Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes
17 pursuant to the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.512, No.104), known as
18 the Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Act, there are hereby
19 appropriated as follows:

20 (1) The sum of \$19,780,000, or as much thereof as may be
21 necessary, is appropriated from the Pennsylvania Economic
22 Revitalization Fund to the Department of Environmental
23 Resources for the period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending
24 June 30, 1988, for site development and material costs for
25 projects authorized and funded under the act of July 2, 1984
26 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation
27 Corps Act. The Secretary of Environmental Resources shall
28 have the power to promulgate such statements of policy,
29 guidelines, rules and regulations as may be necessary to
30 effectuate the programs undertaken, including contracting

1 with persons, firms, partnerships, associations or
2 corporations as may be necessary. The Department of
3 Environmental Resources shall establish procedures for the
4 application and distribution of funds pursuant to this
5 section. Municipalities sponsoring projects authorized and
6 funded under the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act shall be
7 eligible to receive funding under this paragraph only for
8 those projects having recreation purposes and then no more
9 than 75% of the cost of development and materials for those
10 projects. All other projects sponsored by municipalities
11 shall be ineligible for funding under this paragraph.

12 (2) The sum of [\$18,000,000] \$48,000,000, or as much
13 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the
14 Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Fund to the Department
15 of Community Affairs for the period beginning July 1, 1984,
16 and ending June 30, [1987] 1990, for State grants-in-aid to
17 municipalities for land acquisition, rehabilitation, studies
18 and development projects for recreation and conservation
19 purposes, community centers and open space benefits as
20 specified in section 3. The appropriated funds shall be
21 expended equally over the [three-year] six-year funding
22 period. Funding shall be allocated to projects in accordance
23 with the following:

24 (i) Not less than 50% of the total allocation shall
25 be used to pay up to 50% for rehabilitation, studies and
26 development projects.

27 (ii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation shall
28 be used to pay up to 50% of the project costs for
29 acquisition of recreation, park and open space benefit
30 lands.

1 (iii) Not more than 25% of the total allocation
2 shall be used to pay up to 50% for community center
3 projects.

4 (iv) The department shall develop a small community
5 or small projects component. This program shall be for
6 the above purposes and those under section 3. This
7 component shall be for grants-in-aid for projects of up
8 to \$10,000 in amount, shall be up to 100% grants-in-aid
9 and will cover only material costs, to assist those
10 municipalities with a population of 4,000 or less
11 residents unable to meet the matching requirements
12 specified in this section.

13 (v) No municipality shall be eligible to receive
14 more than \$200,000 in grants-in-aid in any fiscal year.

15 (VI) NOT MORE THAN 5% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION SHALL <—
16 BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND
17 OPERATING COSTS TO ADMINISTER THE RECREATIONAL
18 IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE
19 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR BOTH GRANT-
20 RELATED AND OTHER RECREATION AND CONSERVATION-RELATED
21 SERVICES. AFTER JUNE 30, 1990, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
22 CONTINUE TO USE UNSPENT FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS
23 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO ADMINISTER THE CLOSEOUT OF
24 THE GRANT PROJECTS AND TO CONTINUE A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL
25 ASSISTANCE.

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27 Section 9. Termination.

28 No funds under this act shall be awarded as grants-in-aid by
29 the Department of Community Affairs after June 30, [1987] 1990.

30 All funds appropriated under section 4 to the Department of

1 Environmental Resources shall be encumbered by June 30, 1987,
2 and shall be expended by June 30, 1988.

3 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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