

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 537 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 21, 1989

AN ACT

1 Making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within
2 the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the
3 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, THE OFFICE OF <—
4 CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE;
5 AND PROVIDING FOR THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF
6 SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.

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

9 ~~Section 1. The following sums, or as much thereof as may be~~ <—
10 ~~necessary, are specifically appropriated from the restricted~~
11 ~~revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal~~
12 ~~augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission~~
13 ~~to provide for the operation of the commission for the fiscal~~
14 ~~year July 1, 1988, to June 30, 1989, for the purposes and in the~~
15 ~~amounts shown:~~

16 ~~_____ Federal _____ State~~

17 ~~(1) For the salaries, wages~~
18 ~~and all necessary expenses for the~~

~~proper operation and administration
of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission.~~

~~State appropriation.....~~ \$30,007,000

~~(i) The following Federal
augmentation amounts, or as
much thereof as may be
necessary, are specifically
appropriated to supplement the
sum authorized to be billed to
utilities for the operation of
the commission:~~

~~(A) "Natural Gas
Pipeline Safety" To
enforce the regulations of
the Natural Gas Pipeline
Safety Act.~~

~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 115,000

~~(B) "Railroad Safety"
For safety inspectors to
survey and patrol over
14,000 miles of trackage to
eliminate derailment and
provide safe rail travel.~~

~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 110,000

~~Any Federal funds which the
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
receives pursuant to these
appropriations shall not be credited
to any utility nor used to lower the~~

1 ~~annual assessment of any utility.~~

2 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1989, or~~
3 ~~immediately, whichever is later.~~

4 SECTION 1. THE FOLLOWING SUMS, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE <—
5 NECESSARY, ARE SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE RESTRICTED
6 REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND FROM FEDERAL
7 AUGMENTATION FUNDS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
8 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
9 YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990, FOR THE PURPOSES AND IN THE
10 AMOUNTS SHOWN:

	FEDERAL	STATE
11		
12	(1) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES	
13	AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE	
14	PROPER OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION	
15	OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY	
16	COMMISSION, EXCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN	
17	AND COMMISSIONERS AND THE BUREAU OF	
18	SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT.	

19	STATE APPROPRIATION.....	\$25,512,000
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20 (I) THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL
21 AUGMENTATION AMOUNTS, OR AS
22 MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE
23 NECESSARY, ARE SPECIFICALLY
24 APPROPRIATED TO SUPPLEMENT THE
25 SUM AUTHORIZED TO BE BILLED TO
26 UTILITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF
27 THE COMMISSION:

28 (A) "NATURAL GAS
29 PIPELINE SAFETY" - TO
30 ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS OF

1 THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
2 SAFETY ACT.
3 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 115,000
4 (B) "RAILROAD SAFETY"
5 - FOR SAFETY INSPECTORS TO
6 SURVEY AND PATROL OVER
7 14,000 MILES OF TRACKAGE TO
8 ELIMINATE DERAILMENT AND
9 PROVIDE SAFE RAIL TRAVEL.
10 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 110,000
11 ANY FEDERAL FUNDS WHICH THE
12 PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
13 RECEIVES PURSUANT TO THESE
14 APPROPRIATIONS SHALL NOT BE CREDITED
15 TO ANY UTILITY NOR USED TO LOWER THE
16 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF ANY UTILITY.
17 FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL
18 NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE CHAIRMAN
19 AND THE COMMISSIONERS.
20 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 476,000
21 FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL
22 NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER
23 OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
24 BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT.
25 FUNDING IS PROVIDED FOR CURRENT
26 VACANCIES AND FOR TEN NEW ENFORCEMENT
27 OFFICERS.
28 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 3,964,000
29 SECTION 2. THE SUM OF \$2,964,000 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM
30 THE RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE

1 OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THAT
2 OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990.

3 SECTION 3. (A) THE SUM OF \$503,000 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED
4 FROM THE RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO
5 THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 COMMERCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THAT OFFICE FOR THE
7 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990, AND FOR REPAYMENT OF
8 THE \$250,000 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
9 OPERATION OF THAT OFFICE IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
10 1989.

11 (B) DUE TO THE LACK OF ANY MEANINGFUL CASE DATA FOR CALENDAR
12 YEAR 1988 FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, THE
13 PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SHALL FOR PURPOSES OF
14 LEVYING THE PUBLIC UTILITY ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-1990,
15 USE THE CASE DATA DERIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
16 FOR THE 1988 CALENDAR YEAR IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ASSESSMENTS
17 FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.

18 SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1989, OR
19 IMMEDIATELY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.