THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2125 Session of 1989

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, DECEMBER 11, 1989

AN ACT

- 1 Appropriating money from the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of
- 2 Commerce for an economic development project in Clinton
- 3 County.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. The sum set forth in this act, or as much thereof
- 7 as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated from
- 8 the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of Commerce for the fiscal
- 9 year July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1990, for the project listed to

- 1 enhance economic development and the creation of jobs in this
- 2 Commonwealth in accordance with Chapter 1 of the act of July 1,
- 3 1985 (P.L.120, No.32), known as the Sunny Day Fund Act.
- 4 Section 2. The following amount is appropriated to the
- 5 Department of Commerce to induce the company named below to
- 6 locate a large industrial, manufacturing or research and
- 7 development enterprise within this Commonwealth:
- 8 For the purpose of making or guaranteeing
- 9 principal and interest under a loan for
- 10 machinery and equipment and for working capital
- 11 to Romeo Charlie Inc. PIPER NORTH, INC., to
- 12 locate its Piper North aircraft and aircraft
- parts manufacturing and service business in
- 14 Lock Haven, Clinton County. It is estimated
- that this project will create 400 new jobs
- within three years of operation and 670 new
- jobs within five years of operation. \$10,000,000

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- 18 Section 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
- 19 appropriations in section 2 shall be loaned at an annual
- 20 interest rate of not less than 3% for the first \$8,000,000 and
- 21 the current prime interest rate + 3% for the remaining
- 22 \$2,000,000 and for a term as follows: loan payments shall be
- 23 calculated based on a 15 year term with: interest only payments
- 24 for the first two years; interest and principal payments for the
- 25 next five years, and a balloon payment at the end of the seventh
- 26 year consisting of the outstanding balance of principal and
- 27 interest due on funds not used for the acquisition of machinery
- 28 and equipment. Proceeds of the aforementioned loan used for the
- 29 acquisition of machinery and equipment may continue to be
- 30 amortized over the remainder of the 15 year term. Private

- 1 companies which receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to
- 2 make the investment in the enterprise development as specified
- 3 in section 2 shall be liable for the repayment of all Sunny Day
- 4 Fund moneys, including any accrued interest thereon and any
- 5 penalties set by the Secretary of Commerce. Private companies
- 6 which receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to create the
- 7 number of jobs specified in the approved loan or other
- 8 agreements with the Commonwealth shall be liable for a penalty
- 9 equal to an increase in the interest charged to 2% greater than
- 10 the current prime interest rate for the remainder of the loan,
- 11 unless the penalty is waived by the Secretary of Commerce
- 12 because the failure is due to circumstances outside the control
- 13 of the private company. The Secretary of Commerce shall consult
- 14 with the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate
- 15 and the House of Representatives prior to the establishment of
- 16 waiver of penalties.
- 17 Section 4. For a period equal to the term of assistance
- 18 provided the project approved under this act, the Department of
- 19 Commerce shall provide a written report on the status of each
- 20 project to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of
- 21 the House of Representatives by June 30 of each year. This
- 22 report shall contain, at a minimum, information pertaining to
- 23 the specific use of the Sunny Day Fund money, the interest rate
- 24 and term of the Sunny Day Fund loan, the amount of principal
- 25 outstanding and interest due on the loan, and the number of jobs
- 26 created by the project. All recipients of funds under this act
- 27 shall be required to provide any and all information required by
- 28 the Department of Commerce for the purpose of this act.
- 29 Section 5. No funds under this act shall be awarded by the
- 30 Department of Commerce after June 30, 1990. Any funds from this

- 1 appropriation remaining unexpended or unencumbered on June 30,
- 2 1991, shall automatically lapse into the Sunny Day Fund.
- 3 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.