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AN ACT

1 Establishing incentives for developing neighborhood watch
2 programs against drug trafficking; and conferring powers and
3 duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
4 Delinquency.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Neighborhood
9 Drug Watch Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

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

14 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
15 Delinquency.

16 Section 3. Grants for neighborhood drug watch programs.

17 (a) Eligibility.--The commission shall, by regulation, set
18 eligibility criteria to identify neighborhoods that are at risk

1 for trafficking of controlled substances, as defined in the act
2 of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
3 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

4 (b) Application.--A political subdivision may apply to the
5 commission for a grant under commission regulations.

6 (c) Award.--If a political subdivision meets the eligibility
7 criteria of subsection (a), it shall be eligible for Federal
8 block grant drug funds granted to the Commonwealth. Moneys may
9 be used for:

10 (1) A grant for the establishment and operation of a
11 neighborhood watch program in any neighborhood that is
12 determined by the commission to be at risk under subsection
13 (a).

14 (2) A grant to the police department serving the
15 neighborhood that is determined to be at risk. A grant under
16 this paragraph must be used to increase police protection in
17 the neighborhood that is determined by the commission to be
18 at risk under subsection (a), or it shall be returned to the
19 commission.

20 Section 4. Commission.

21 (a) Regulations.--The commission has the power and duty to
22 promulgate regulations to administer this act.

23 (b) Legal action.--The commission has the power and duty to
24 prosecute legal actions to enforce section 3(c)(2).

25 Section 5. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect as follows:

27 (1) Section 4(a) and this section shall take effect in
28 60 days.

29 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 150
30 days.