## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

## No. 1692 Session of 1993

INTRODUCED BY LESCOVITZ, RUDY, ROBINSON, COLAFELLA, ITKIN, SEMMEL, BUSH AND JADLOWIEC, MAY 26, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 26, 1993

## AN ACT

- 1 Appropriating money from the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of
- 2 Commerce for various projects throughout this Commonwealth
- 3 for fiscal year 1993-1994.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. The sums set forth in this act, or as much
- 7 thereof as may be necessary, are hereby specifically
- 8 appropriated from the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of
- 9 Commerce for the fiscal year July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1994, for
- 10 the projects listed in this act to enhance economic development
- 11 and the creation of jobs in this Commonwealth in accordance with
- 12 the provisions of Chapter 1 of the act of July 1, 1985 (P.L.120,
- 13 No.32), known as the Sunny Day Fund Act.
- 14 Section 2. The following amounts are appropriated to the
- 15 Department of Commerce to induce companies to locate large
- 16 industrial, manufacturing or research and development
- 17 enterprises within this Commonwealth:
- 18 (1) For the purpose of making a loan to

1	CONFAB/ICD Industries for the purchase of		
2	machinery and equipment to start up a new diaper		
3	line and consolidate existing operations to its		
4	new facility in King of Prussia, Upper Merion		
5	Township, Montgomery County. CONFAB/ICD Industries		
6	will invest at least \$30,000,000 into the project,		
7	which project will create 455 new jobs within		
8	three years of operation.		
9	State appropriation\$6	5,825,000	
10	(2) For the purpose of making a loan to Union		
11	Switch and Signal for the construction of a new		
12	engineering and research and development facility		
13	at the Pittsburgh Technology Center site in the		
14	City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. Union Switch		
15	and Signal will invest at least \$15,000,000 into		
16	the project, which project will create at least		
17	250 new jobs within three years of operation.		
18	State appropriation4	1,500,000	
19	(3) For the purpose of making a loan to AEG		
20	Transportation Systems for the consolidation of		
21	its operations at Southpointe Business Park, Cecil		
22	Township, Washington County. AEG Transportation		
23	Systems will invest at least \$30,000,000 into the		
24	project, which project will create 350 new jobs		
25	within three years of operation.		
26	State appropriation	7,000,000	
27	(4) For the purpose of making a loan to		
28	Agramer Ceramics, Inc. for the location of a new		
29	ceramic tile manufacturing facility in Hopewell		
30	Business and Industrial Park, Hopewell Township,		
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1	Beaver County. Agramer Ceramics, Inc. will invest			
2	at least \$5,700,000 into the project, which			
3	project will create 160 new jobs within three			
4	years of operation.			
5	State appropriation	00,000		
6	(5) For the purpose of making a loan to Carol			
7	Cable for the expansion and renovation of its			
8	Montoursville, Lycoming County, facility to			
9	accommodate new product lines. Carol Cable will			
10	invest at least \$4,000,000 into the project, which			
11	project will create 200 new jobs within three			
12	years of operation.			
13	State appropriation	00,000		
14	(6) For the purpose of making a loan to MACK			
15	Trucks for the purchase, upgrading and			
16	installation of machinery and equipment to be used			
17	at the assembly plant located in Lower Macungie			
18	Township, Lehigh County and at the engineering and			
19	research and development operations located in the			
20	City of Allentown, Lehigh County. MACK Trucks will			
21	invest at least \$30,000,000 into the project,			
22	which project will create 140 new jobs within			
23	three years of operation.			
24	State appropriation	00,000		
25	(7) For the purpose of making a loan to			
26	Saratan, Inc. for the purchase of machinery and			
27	equipment to be used at its medium-density			
28	fiberboard facility and chip mill to be			
29	constructed in Allegheny Industrial Park located			
30	in Mt. Jewett, McKean County. Saratan, Inc. will			
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- 1 invest at least \$38,000,000 into the project,
- 2 which project will create 139 new jobs within
- 3 three years of operation.
- 5 (8) For the purpose of making a loan to
- 6 BioScience Contract Production Corporation for the
- 7 purchase of machinery and equipment to be used at
- 8 its new facility to be located in the Penn State
- 9 Research Park, College Township, Centre County.
- 10 BioScience Contract Production Corporation will
- 11 invest at least \$6,000,000 into the project, which
- 12 project will create 100 new jobs within three
- 13 years of operation.
- 15 Section 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
- 16 appropriations in section 2 shall be loaned at an annual
- 17 interest rate that in no case shall be less than the
- 18 Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority's rate for the
- 19 area in which the project is located. Private companies which
- 20 receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to make the
- 21 investment in the enterprise development as specified in section
- 22 2 shall be liable for the repayment of all Sunny Day Fund
- 23 moneys, including any accrued interest thereon and any penalties
- 24 set by the Secretary of Commerce. Private companies which
- 25 receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to create the number
- 26 of jobs specified in the approved loan or other agreements with
- 27 the Commonwealth shall be liable for a penalty equal to an
- 28 increase in the interest charged to 2% greater than the current
- 29 prime interest rate for the remainder of the loan, unless the
- 30 penalty is waived by the Secretary of Commerce because the

- 1 failure is due to circumstances outside the control of the
- 2 private company. The Secretary of Commerce shall consult with
- 3 the chairmen of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and
- 4 the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives
- 5 prior to the establishment of waiver of penalties.
- 6 Section 4. For a period equal to the term of assistance
- 7 provided each project under this act, the Department of Commerce
- 8 shall provide a written report on the status of each project to
- 9 the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
- 10 Representatives by June 30 of each year. This report shall
- 11 contain, at a minimum, information pertaining to the specific
- 12 use of the Sunny Day Fund money, the interest rate and term of
- 13 the Sunny Day Fund loan, the amount of principal outstanding and
- 14 interest due on the loan and the number of jobs created by the
- 15 project. All recipients of funds under this act shall be
- 16 required to provide any and all information required by the
- 17 Department of Commerce for the purpose of this act.
- 18 Section 5. No funds under this act shall be awarded by the
- 19 Department of Commerce after June 30, 1995. Any funds from this
- 20 appropriation remaining unexpended or unencumbered on June 30,
- 21 1995, shall automatically lapse into the Sunny Day Fund.
- 22 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.