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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 528**      Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
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AN ACT

1 Providing grants for conducting assessments of abandoned  
2 industrial sites; establishing a fund; providing for  
3 surcharges; and imposing duties upon the Department of  
4 Commerce.

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 Abandoned  
9 Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Act.

10 Section 2. Grants for conducting environmental assessments of  
11 abandoned industrial sites.

12 The Department of Commerce shall make grants to  
13 municipalities, municipal or other local authorities, nonprofit  
14 economic development agencies and similar agencies to conduct  
15 environmental assessments of abandoned industrial sites located  
16 in municipalities which have been designated by the Department  
17 of Commerce as distressed communities under the act of July 2,  
18 1984 (P.L.520, No.105), known as the Business Infrastructure

1 Development Act. Grants shall be made from the Abandoned  
2 Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund.

3 Section 3. Abandoned Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment  
4 Fund.

5 There is hereby established within the State Treasury a  
6 special nonlapsing fund which shall be known as the Abandoned  
7 Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund. The fund shall  
8 be administered by the Department of Commerce to carry out the  
9 purposes of this act.

10 Section 4. Surcharge.

11 There is hereby imposed a 10% surcharge on all fines and  
12 penalties imposed under the following acts:

13 (1) The act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as  
14 the Solid Waste Management Act.

15 (2) The act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as  
16 the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction  
17 Act.

18 (3) The act of October 18, 1988 (P.L.756, No.108), known  
19 as the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act.

20 Proceeds from the surcharge shall be paid into the State  
21 Treasury for deposit into the Abandoned Industrial Sites  
22 Environmental Assessment Fund.

23 Section 5. Regulations.

24 The Department of Commerce shall promulgate regulations to  
25 implement and administer the provisions of this act.

26 Section 6. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.