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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 854      Session of  
1997

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, JUNE 3, 1997

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title and construction.

5 (a) Short title.--This act shall be known and may be cited  
6 as the Capital Budget Act of 1997-1998.

7 (b) Supplements.--A reference to this act shall be deemed to  
8 include a reference to the supplements to this act.

9 (c) Fiscal Code.--The provisions and definitions of Article  
10 XVI-B of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as  
11 The Fiscal Code, shall apply to this act to the extent they are  
12 not inconsistent with this act.

13 Section 2. Overall limitations on debt to be incurred for  
14 capital projects.

15 The maximum principal amount of additional debt to be  
16 incurred during the 1997-1998 fiscal year, and thereafter until

1 the enactment of the 1998-1999 capital budget specifying the  
 2 maximum debt for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, for capital projects  
 3 specifically itemized in a capital budget pursuant to section  
 4 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and  
 5 the fund to be charged with the repayment of such debt, shall,  
 6 with respect to each category of capital projects, be as  
 7 follows:

8	Category	Amount	Fund
9	(1) Public Improvement		
10	Projects:		
11	(i) Buildings and		General Fund or
12	Structures	\$210,000,000	Special Fund as
13	(ii) Furniture and		applicable
14	Equipment	35,000,000	
15	(2) Transportation		
16	Assistance Projects	135,000,000	General Fund
17	(3) Redevelopment		
18	Assistance Projects	60,000,000	General Fund
19	(4) Flood Control		
20	Projects	11,000,000	General Fund
21	<del>(5) Highway Construction</del>		<—
22	<del>Projects</del>	<del>75,000,000</del>	<del>Motor License</del>
23			<del>Fund</del>
24	Total	\$526,000,000	

25 ~~Section 3. Highway construction project restrictions.~~

26 ~~(a) Bond proceeds authorized under section 2(5) shall be~~  
 27 ~~used only for projects with engineering specifications with~~  
 28 ~~projected durability, as defined by the Department of~~  
 29 ~~Transportation, of not less than 30 years.~~

30 ~~(b) Bond proceeds authorized under section 2(5) shall be~~

1 ~~used only for projects that demonstrate need and merit over~~  
2 ~~other projects and shall not be used for any project not part of~~  
3 ~~the 12 year plan or for any project which is part of the 12 year~~  
4 ~~plan and is advanced for reasons other than merit, or to match~~  
5 ~~any Federal dollars for congressional projects that do not meet~~  
6 ~~the same standards for need and merit as noncongressional~~  
7 ~~projects.~~

8 TOTAL \$451,000,000 <—

9 Section 4 3. Effective date. <—

10 This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, or immediately,  
11 whichever is later.