
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1417 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY SLOCUM, WENGER, CORMAN, CONTI, WHITE, DENT,
HELFRICK, MURPHY, MADIGAN, BELL, PUNT, BRIGHTBILL, JUBELIRER,
LEMMOND AND ROBBINS, APRIL 10, 2000

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 10, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 13, 1999 (P.L.905, No.57), entitled
2 "An act providing for emergency drought relief, for
3 commercial orchard and fruit tree nursery indemnity, for
4 grants for flood damage and for powers and duties of the
5 Department of Agriculture; establishing the Supplemental
6 Individual Assistance Program; providing for payment of the
7 Commonwealth's share to secure individual assistance from the
8 Federal Government; and making appropriations," increasing
9 grant limits for drought relief.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 302(c) of the act of December 13, 1999
13 (P.L.905, No.57), known as the Drought, Orchard and Nursery
14 Indemnity and Flood Relief Act, is amended to read:

15 Section 302. Drought relief.

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17 (c) Grant criteria.--The department shall review
18 applications and award grants using an eligible producer's
19 approved application for the Federal program or other
20 documentation from which Federal payment for eligible producers
21 will be calculated. Each eligible producer shall [be eligible]

1 qualify for a grant under this chapter in an amount not to
2 exceed [75% of] the [grant received] USDA-FSA verified amount
3 determined for the producer under the Federal program. If funds
4 appropriated under section 5102(a) are not sufficient to provide
5 grants prescribed under this chapter to all approved eligible
6 producers, grants shall be made to eligible producers on a pro
7 rata basis.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.