

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BOSCOLA AND RHOADES, APRIL 10, 2000

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MAY 15, 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.~~ FURTHER PROVIDING FOR <—
10 DROUGHT RELIEF AND FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

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

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

16 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 302(C) AND 5102 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER <—
17 13, 1999 (P.L.905, NO.57), KNOWN AS THE DROUGHT, ORCHARD AND
18 NURSERY INDEMNITY AND FLOOD RELIEF ACT, ARE AMENDED TO READ:
19 Section 302. Drought relief.

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1 (c) Grant criteria.--The department shall review
2 applications and award grants using [an eligible producer's
3 approved application for the Federal program or other
4 documentation from which Federal payment for eligible producers
5 will be calculated. Each eligible producer shall be eligible for
6 a grant under this chapter in an amount not to exceed 75% of the
7 grant received under the Federal program. If funds appropriated
8 under section 5102(a) are not sufficient to provide grants
9 prescribed under this chapter to all approved eligible
10 producers, grants shall be made to eligible producers] eligible
11 producers' approved applications for the Federal program from
12 which Federal payment for eligible producers is calculated.
13 Approved eligible producers shall qualify for grants under this
14 chapter in amounts which shall be determined on a pro rata basis
15 OF THE MAXIMUM SUM APPROPRIATED UNDER SECTION 5102. <—

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17 SECTION 5102. APPROPRIATIONS. <—

18 (A) DROUGHT RELIEF.--THE SUM OF \$60,000,000, OR AS MUCH
19 THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER
21 3. ANY FUNDS NOT NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 3 SHALL
22 LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND ON DECEMBER 31, 2000.

23 (B) CROP INSURANCE.--THE SUM OF \$5,600,000, OR AS MUCH AS
24 MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR CROP INSURANCE [UNDER THE
26 USDA-FSA 1999 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM] IN AN AMOUNT UP TO 10% OF
27 THE COST OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL
28 RELATED FEES FOR [ELIGIBLE] PRODUCERS[, AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER
29 3,] OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES DURING CALENDAR YEARS 2000 AND
30 2001. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO

1 10% OF THE COST OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT
2 OF ALL RELATED FEES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL PRORATE
3 THE AVAILABLE FUNDS AMONG ALL THE [ELIGIBLE] PRODUCERS OF
4 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES WHO APPLIED. ANY UNUSED FUNDS SHALL
5 LAPSE INTO THE GENERAL FUND ON JUNE 30, 2001.

6 (C) ORCHARD AND NURSERY INDEMNITY.--THE SUM OF \$2,000,000,
7 OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED
8 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF
9 CHAPTER 5. ANY FUNDS NOT NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 5
10 SHALL LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND ON JUNE 30, 2001.

11 (D) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION.--THE SUM OF
12 \$10,000,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY
13 APPROPRIATED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR
14 THE MATCH REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL DISASTER FUNDS FOR THE AUGUST AND
15 SEPTEMBER 1999 DISASTERS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD
16 MITIGATION TO BE ALLOCATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE BUDGET AMONG
17 THESE DISASTERS AND PROGRAMS. THIS APPROPRIATION SHALL BE A
18 CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.

19 (E) SUPPLEMENTAL INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.--THE SUM OF
20 \$5,000,000 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR
21 ALLOCATION BY THE GOVERNOR FOR PAYMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S
22 SHARE NECESSARY TO SECURE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE FROM
23 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROBERT T.
24 STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (PUBLIC
25 LAW 93-288, 88 STAT. 143) AND FOR PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL
26 INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO
27 CHAPTER 7. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN A MANNER WHICH
28 SECURES THE MAXIMUM AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL AND
29 FAMILY ASSISTANCE. ANY UNUSED FUNDS NOT NEEDED FOR PURPOSES OF
30 THIS APPROPRIATION SHALL LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND ON JUNE 30,

1 2000.

2 (F) OTHER FEDERAL FUNDING.--NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL
3 SUPPLANT OR REPLACE ANY FUNDS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FROM THE
4 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.