

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BARD, BARRAR, BASTIAN,  
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SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, STERN, R. STEVENSON, WILT AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 11, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 11, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State  
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,  
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts  
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and  
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,  
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the  
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other  
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the  
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims  
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and  
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to  
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth  
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting  
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,  
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes  
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of  
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of  
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of  
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every  
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State  
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and  
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,  
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or  
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws  
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or  
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
30 Commonwealth," establishing the Revenue Enhancement Fund.

31 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Article XVII-A of the act of April 9, 1929  
3 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by  
4 adding a subarticle to read:

5 SUBARTICLE D

6 REVENUE ENHANCEMENT FUND

7 Section 1731-A. Establishment of Revenue Enhancement Fund.

8 There is established a special fund to be known as the  
9 Revenue Enhancement Fund.

10 Section 1732-A. Donations to the Revenue Enhancement Fund.

11 A person may make a monetary donation and designate the  
12 donation for the Revenue Enhancement Fund. The donation shall be  
13 deposited in or transferred to the Revenue Enhancement Fund.

14 Section 1733-A. Appropriations from the Revenue Enhancement  
15 Fund.

16 Appropriations from the Revenue Enhancement Fund may be made  
17 by the General Assembly and shall be used only for public  
18 purposes.

19 Section 1734-A. Method of donations.

20 Persons making a donation pursuant to this subarticle may:

21 (1) include a donation when filing a State personal  
22 income tax return pursuant to the instructions of the  
23 Department of Revenue;

24 (2) designate some or all of a State personal income tax  
25 refund for transfer into the Revenue Enhancement Fund; or

26 (3) deliver such donation to the State Treasurer in a  
27 manner prescribed by the State Treasurer.

28 Section 1735-A. Information in State tax returns.

29 The Department of Revenue shall include information in the  
30 instructions of the State personal income tax return about

1 donations that may be made pursuant to the provisions of this  
2 subarticle.

3 Section 2. Donations to the Revenue Enhancement Fund may  
4 begin with the income tax filings for the year this act takes  
5 effect.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.