

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 846 Session of  
2005

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O'PAKE, RHOADES, WONDERLING, MADIGAN, LAVALLE, FERLO AND  
ORIE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, reenacting provisions relating to transfers from  
3 State Gaming Fund to Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1408 of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is reenacted to read:

8 § 1408. Transfers from State Gaming Fund.

9 (a) Transfer for compulsive problem gambling treatment.--

10 Each year, the sum of \$1,500,000 or an amount equal to .001  
11 multiplied by the total gross terminal revenue of all active and  
12 operating licensed gaming entities, whichever is greater, shall  
13 be transferred into the Compulsive Problem Gambling Treatment  
14 Fund established in section 1509 (relating to compulsive and  
15 problem gambling program).

16 (b) Transfer for Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program.--

1 Annually, the sum of \$25,000,000 shall be transferred from the  
2 State Gaming Fund to the Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program  
3 established under the act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17),  
4 known as the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance  
5 Service Grant Act.

6 (c) Local law enforcement grants.--Annually, the sum of  
7 \$5,000,000 shall be transferred to the board for the purpose of  
8 issuing grants to local law enforcement agencies to enforce and  
9 prevent the unlawful operation of slot machines in this  
10 Commonwealth.

11 (d) Annual transfers.--Annually, the following sums shall be  
12 transferred from the State Gaming Fund as follows:

13 (1) To each county, 80¢ per acre for each acre of land  
14 in the county for which a payment is made under the act of  
15 May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591), referred to as the Forest  
16 Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law, or under 34 Pa.C.S.  
17 § 708 (relating to payments in lieu of taxes).

18 (2) To each school district, 80¢ per acre for each acre  
19 of land in the school district for which a payment is made  
20 under the Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law or  
21 under 34 Pa.C.S. § 708.

22 (3) To each township, 80¢ per acre for each acre of land  
23 in the township for which a payment is made under the Forest  
24 Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law or under 34 Pa.C.S. §  
25 708.

26 (e) Transfer to Property Tax Relief Fund.--Monthly, the  
27 State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance in the  
28 State Gaming Fund which is not allocated in subsections (a),  
29 (b), (c) and (d) to the Property Tax Relief Fund established in  
30 section 1409 (relating to Property Tax Relief Fund).

1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.