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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 420 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, FREEMAN, ARGALL, BAKER, BENNINGTON,  
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TANGRETTI, TRUE, WALKO, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND  
YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), entitled  
2 "An act providing for a commercial downtown enhancement  
3 program to be administered by the Department of Community and  
4 Economic Development," further providing for the Main Street  
5 Program.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3(b) of the act of April 23, 2002  
9 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, is amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 3. Program.

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13 (b) Requirements.--The program shall at a minimum include  
14 the following components:

15 (1) Basic grants, for up to five years, for  
16 administrative costs associated with the hiring of a manager.

1           (2) [Commercial downtown] Downtown reinvestment grants  
2 for infrastructure and structural improvements within the  
3 established commercial downtown, including streets,  
4 streetlights, trees, housing, commercial and residential  
5 facades and sidewalks or other pedestrian-oriented features.

6           (3) Plans for marketing and promoting the established  
7 commercial downtown within the Main Street area.

8           (3.1) Plans for marketing and promoting residential  
9 opportunities within the Main Street area.

10          (4) Plans to leverage additional private and public  
11 investment in the Main Street area.

12          (5) Plans to address social or economic concerns within  
13 the Main Street area.

14          (6) Plans, to the greatest extent possible, to achieve  
15 consistency with existing revitalization efforts.

16          (7) An assessment of the potential need for the  
17 following components:

18           (i) The establishment of a neighborhood improvement  
19 district as defined in the act of December 20, 2000  
20 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement  
21 District Act.

22           (ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and  
23 zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the  
24 viability of the Main Street area.

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