
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY D. EVANS, JUNE 23, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 23, 2007

AN ACT

1 Providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and
2 Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2007-2008; itemizing projects
3 to be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic
4 Development, together with their estimated financial costs;
5 authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and
6 making appropriations.

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

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
11 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget
12 Itemization Act for 2007-2008.

13 Section 2. Total authorizations from Pennsylvania Gaming
14 Economic Development and Tourism Fund.

15 The total authorization for the projects itemized in section
16 3 for grants by the Department of Community and Economic
17 Development, its successors or assigns, and to be financed from
18 the revenues of the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and
19 Tourism Fund shall be \$498,240,000.

1 Section 3. Itemization of Pennsylvania Gaming Economic
2 Development and Tourism Fund projects.

3 Projects for grants by the Department of Community and
4 Economic Development, its successors or assigns, to be financed
5 by the incurring of debt or revenues of the Pennsylvania Gaming
6 Economic Development and Tourism Fund are hereby itemized,
7 together with their respective estimated costs, as follows:

8		Project
9	Project	Allocation
10	(2) Allegheny County	
11	(i) County projects	
12	(A) Retirement of the indebtedness of an	
13	urban redevelopment authority in a city	
14	of the second class which is financed,	
15	in part, with the utilization of funds	
16	transferred to the regional asset	
17	district pursuant to Article XXXI-B of	
18	the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723,	
19	No.230), known as the Second Class	
20	County Code	65,740,000
21	(Base Project Allocation - \$65,740,000)	
22	(B) Retirement of indebtedness of a	
23	convention center in a city of the	
24	second class established pursuant to	
25	the authority of the act of July 29,	
26	1953 (P.L.1034, No.270), known as the	
27	Public Auditorium Authorities Law	20,000,000
28	(Base Project Allocation - \$20,000,000)	
29	(C) Payment of the operating deficit for	
30	the operation of a convention center in	

1	Law	44,000,000
2	(Base Project Allocation - \$44,000,000)	
3	(H) Retirement of indebtedness of a county	
4	of the second class development fund	
5	created pursuant to the authority of	
6	Article XXXI-B of the Second Class	
7	County Code and the act of May 24, 1945	
8	(P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban	
9	Redevelopment Law	30,000,000
10	(Base Project Allocation - \$30,000,000)	
11	(40) Luzerne County	
12	(i) County projects	
13	(A) Payments related to the construction	
14	and development of a cargo airport,	
15	including acquisition, infrastructure	
16	and other related costs	16,500,000
17	(Base Project Allocation - \$16,500,000)	
18	(51) Philadelphia County	
19	(i) County projects	
20	(A) Reimbursement to the Commonwealth, any	
21	other body corporate and politic	
22	created by law or a city of the first	
23	class to the extent that the	
24	Commonwealth, any other body corporate	
25	and politic created by law or a city of	
26	the first class has made debt service	
27	payments for the Pennsylvania	
28	Convention Center or has made payments	
29	for the operation expenses of the	
30	Pennsylvania Convention Center during	

1 operating expenses in any year. Payments made pursuant to
2 section 3(51)(i)(A) which are reimbursements to the General
3 Fund shall be deposited into the Capital Debt Fund for
4 repayment of the debt issued.

5 Section 5. Appropriation.

6 The sums necessary for the annual amounts itemized in
7 sections 3 and 4 are hereby appropriated from the Pennsylvania
8 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the Department
9 of Community and Economic Development, upon approval of the
10 Governor, for the projects itemized in this act.

11 Section 6. Special provisions.

12 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 4 Pa.C.S. § 1407(d)
13 (relating to Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development Tourism
14 Fund), the project authorized in section 3(2)(i)(D) shall be
15 eligible for funding from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic
16 Development and Tourism Fund in the ten-year period beginning
17 with the first fiscal year during which deposits are made into
18 the fund.

19 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 4 Pa.C.S. § 1407(d),
20 the project authorized in section 3(51)(i)(A) shall be eligible
21 for funding from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic
22 Development and Tourism Fund in the ten-year period beginning
23 with the first fiscal year during which deposits are made into
24 the fund and may include repayment of bonds issued to replace
25 bonds issued for the Pennsylvania Convention Center,
26 reimbursement of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
27 for bonds issued for the construction of the Pennsylvania
28 Convention Center, or operating expenses of the Pennsylvania
29 Convention Center.

30 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the

1 requirements of section 318 of the act of February 9, 1999
2 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling
3 Act, shall provide the sole and exclusive requirements for
4 bidding for the acquisition, development construction of the
5 project in section 3(2)(i)(D).

6 Section 7. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.