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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 2004 (P.L.61, No.7), entitled  
2 "An act providing for a residential neighborhood enhancement  
3 program to be administered by the Department of Community and  
4 Economic Development; and making an allocation of  
5 appropriated funds," further providing for program  
6 requirements and for rules and regulations; and repealing the  
7 expiration date of the act.

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

10 Section 1. Section 3(c) of the act of February 9, 2004  
11 (P.L.61, No.7), known as the Elm Street Program Act, is amended  
12 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 3. Elm Street Program.

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15 (c) Program requirements.--The program shall:

16 (1) Provide basic grants for [a maximum of] five years  
17 per project or upon approval by the department an additional  
18 period of five years for administrative costs associated with

1 the hiring of a professional Elm Street Manager, who may  
2 serve as an assistant to the Main Street Manager if a Main  
3 Street Program exists within the municipality.

4 (2) Provide residential reinvestment grants for  
5 infrastructure and structural improvements, including, but  
6 not limited to, streets, street lights, trees, exteriors of  
7 buildings and sidewalks or other pedestrian-oriented  
8 features.

9 (3) Provide planning and development grants for:

10 (i) Marketing and promoting urban residential  
11 living.

12 (ii) Leveraging additional private and public  
13 investment.

14 (iii) Promoting home ownership and other housing  
15 options.

16 (iv) Addressing social and economic concerns  
17 including, but not limited to, crime, blight, employment  
18 opportunities and public services and amenities.

19 (v) Achieving consistency, whenever appropriate,  
20 with existing commercial and residential revitalization  
21 efforts.

22 (4) Provide an assessment of the applying municipality's  
23 need for the following:

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

28 (ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and  
29 zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the  
30 viability of established residential neighborhoods, with

1 a balanced mix of commercial, civic, employment and  
2 residential uses, with particular attention to a  
3 diversity of housing options.

4 (iii) A review of educational and recreational  
5 opportunities and facilities.

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7 (i) Regulations.--The department shall adopt regulations to  
8 authorize municipalities or their designees, upon the submission  
9 of the appropriate applications and the approval of the  
10 department, to reestablish an Elm Street program in a  
11 neighborhood where a program had been previously established.

12 Section 2. Section 6 of the act is repealed:

13 [Section 6. Expiration of act.

14 This act shall expire June 30, 2011, unless it is reenacted  
15 prior to that date.]

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.