
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AUGUST 18, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 10, 1986 (P.L.1398, No.122), entitled
2 "An act establishing a special fund for moneys received by
3 the Commonwealth from resolution of oil overcharge matters;
4 designating certain low-income energy conservation and
5 assistance programs for funding from this special fund; and
6 making appropriations," providing for a Home Energy
7 Assistance Reserve Account.

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

10 Section 1. The act of July 10, 1986 (P.L.1398, No.122),
11 known as the Energy Conservation and Assistance Act, is amended
12 by adding sections to read:

13 Section 4.1. Establishment of restricted account.

14 There is hereby established a restricted receipt account to
15 be known as the Home Energy Assistance Reserve Account, for the
16 purpose of supplementing money received from the Federal
17 Government for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Moneys
18 within the account shall be utilized and distributed in the
19 supplemental program established in section 5(a)(1).

20 Section 4.2. Assessment.

1 There is hereby established and required, in an amount to be
2 determined by the Department of Community and Economic
3 Development, an assessment to be paid by all home energy
4 companies operating in this Commonwealth, not to exceed a total
5 assessment of \$25 million per year. Moneys collected pursuant to
6 this section shall be deposited in the account established in
7 section 4.1. For purposes of this section, a home energy company
8 shall include home heating oil companies, propane gas companies,
9 electric distribution companies, and natural gas companies.

10 Section 4.3. Regulations.

11 The department shall draft regulations to carry out the
12 provisions of sections 4.1 and 4.2.

13 Section 4.4. Expiration.

14 Sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall expire December 31, 2012.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.