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AN ACT

Amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public 2 Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 3 Commonwealth Financing Authority, providing for use of funds dedicated by the General Assembly; further providing for 4 5 indebtedness; ESTABLISHING THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM; consolidating provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929 6 7 relating to the Energy Development Authority and emergency powers; further providing for board directors, meetings and 8 9 quorum, for the powers of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and for authority indebtedness; and making a 10 related repeal. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. Title 64 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: 16 § 1515. Funds dedicated by the General Assembly. 17 (a) Dedication of funds. The General Assembly shall dedicate funds to carry out the purposes of this section. 18 (b) Transfer of funds. The State Treasurer shall transfer 19

all funds received pursuant to this section within 30 days of

Τ	receipt of the funds as follows:
2	(1) Six hundred million dollars to the Energy
3	Development Fund for the purposes of 64 Pa.C.S. § 1806(21)
4	(relating to powers and duties).
5	(2) Two hundred fifty million dollars to the authority
6	for the purposes of this section.
7	(c) Uses of funds by authority. With respect to funds
8	dedicated by the General Assembly for the purposes of this
9	section, the authority shall have the powers and duties to
10	fulfill the obligations of a bond for alternative energy
11	projects, including, but not limited to, funding for alternative
12	and renewable energy projects, such as:
13	(1) An amount up to 20% of the revenues transferred to
14	the authority, but no more than \$50,000,000 to provide loans
15	to venture capital partnerships. The funds designated for
16	this purpose shall be transferred to the New Pennsylvania
17	Venture Capital Investment Program under section 1557
18	(relating to New Pennsylvania Venture Capital Investment
19	Program).
20	(2) An amount up to 20% of the revenues transferred to
21	the authority, but no more than \$50,000,000 to provide grants
22	and loans for working capital, equipment acquisition,
23	construction and site preparation.
24	(3) An amount up to 60% of the revenues transferred to
25	the authority, but no more than \$150,000,000 to provide
26	grants and loans to businesses and municipalities, municipal
27	authorities, redevelopment authorities and industrial
28	development agencies for infrastructure preparation and
29	development of high efficient advanced energy business sites.
30	(d) Policy. In exercising its powers and duties under

Т	subsection (a), the authority shall.
2	(1) Promote the diversification of energy generation by
3	supporting a broad cross section of clean energy
4	technologies.
5	(2) Encourage the deployment of distributed generation
6	projects for public infrastructure around this Commonwealth.
7	(3) Consider the economic development potential of each
8	proposed project as it fits into the larger context of this
9	Commonwealth's advanced energy market.
10	(4) Establish the goal of expanding the market for
11	clean, advanced energy technologies, service and fuels. In
12	pursuit of this goal, the authority shall emphasize the
13	following investment priorities:
14	(i) Attracting or expanding clean, advanced energy
15	manufacturing operations in this Commonwealth.
16	(ii) Deployment of "behind the fence" clean,
17	advanced, energy projects at manufacturing facilities to
18	enhance their competitiveness.
19	(5) Bring the most flexibility possible to the design of
20	its financing vehicles and to the focus of its solicitations.
21	Financing vehicles such as loan guarantees, insurance
22	products and flex loans, which can have delayed repayment
23	schedules or very low interest rates, may be utilized in
24	addition to traditional financing for some types of projects.
25	The authority shall emphasize flexibility in its
26	solicitations, which may be broadly targeted to the general
27	advanced energy community or narrowly targeted toward
28	specific areas where market gaps exist.
29	(6) Seek to leverage its capital to the maximum extent
30	possible. The authority may work with the investment and

Τ	developer community to leverage its funds by requiring
2	significant matching funds for all projects except in rare
3	circumstances and, when allowable, by investing in projects
4	that are likely to yield significant returns. The authority
5	shall consider ways to manage and increase its own funding,
6	including exploration of a variety of potential avenues,
7	including, but not limited to, Federal grants, private
8	foundation grants and legislative appropriations.
9	(7) Require, except in rare circumstances, all projects
L O	to demonstrate that they have obtained significant matching
L1	funds, including, but not limited to, funds from Federal,
L2	State, local or private sources, or any combination thereof.
L3	(8) Evaluate a proposed project to ascertain whether the
L4	project has sufficient funding to enable project completion.
L5	(9) When considering loans or loan guarantees,
L6	thoroughly evaluate, in partnership with the department, the
L7	credit of all borrowers and ensure that all financing is
L8	awarded to borrowers who evidence a reasonable likelihood of
L9	being able to repay such loans.
20	(e) Evaluation criteria. In addition to specific criteria
21	developed by the authority, the following general criteria shall
22	be considered by the authority for all deployment projects:
23	(1) Potential to expand the market for the indigenous
24	energy resources of this Commonwealth.
25	(2) Potential to enhance Pennsylvania's energy security
26	and diversity.
27	(3) Ability to demonstrate significant environmental
28	benefits.
29	(4) Potential either to promote energy conservation or
30	to increase energy production from alternative energy

1 sources. (5) Potential economic benefits for the Commonwealth, 2 3 which may be in the form of job creation, new investment, 4 savings to consumers or revenue generation for other 5 beneficiaries, such as farmers, local governments or other 6 landowners. 7 (6) Technical feasibility and cost effectiveness of the 8 project. 9 Section 2. Section 1543 of Title 64 is amended by adding a 10 subsection to read: 11 SECTION 1. SECTION 1543(B) AND (D) OF TITLE 64 OF THE <---PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED BY ADDING 12 13 PARAGRAPHS TO READ: 14 § 1543. Indebtedness. * * * 15 (d.1) Bonds issued from funds dedicated by the General 16 <---17 Assembly. Bonds issued for the programs established in section 18 1515 (relating to funds dedicated by the General Assembly) shall 19 not be subject to nor shall they apply toward the aggregate 20 amount of indebtedness permitted to be incurred by the authority under this section. 21 22 (B) PROGRAM LIMITATIONS.--INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED BY THE <-23 AUTHORITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT, IN AGGREGATE, EXCEED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: 2.4 * * * 25 26 (9) \$250,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1559 (RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM). 27 28 (10) \$600,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1806(21) (RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES). 29 * * * 30

- 1 (D) EXCEPTION.--SUBSECTION (C) SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE
- 2 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED BY THE AUTHORITY,
- 3 INCLUDING THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE FOLLOWING
- 4 PROGRAMS:
- 5 * * *
- 6 (4) THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1559.
- 7 (5) THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1806(21).
- 8 * * *
- 9 SECTION 2. TITLE 64 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
- 10 § 1559. CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM.
- 11 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO
- 12 BE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, AND THE PROGRAM SHALL
- 13 PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF SITES
- 14 LOCATED WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
- 15 (B) FUNDING. -- AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 OF THE
- 16 GROSS RECEIPTS COLLECTED DURING EACH FISCAL YEAR UNDER ARTICLE
- 17 XI OF THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX
- 18 REFORM CODE OF 1971, SHALL BE ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE
- 19 GENERAL FUND TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN
- 20 THIS SECTION.
- 21 (C) USES OF FUNDS BY AUTHORITY. -- WITH RESPECT TO FUNDING
- 22 UNDER SUBSECTION (B), THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND
- 23 DUTIES TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS OF A BOND FOR ALTERNATIVE
- 24 ENERGY PROJECTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUNDING FOR
- 25 ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, SUCH AS:
- 26 (1) AN AMOUNT UP TO 20% OF THE REVENUES TRANSFERRED TO
- THE AUTHORITY, BUT NO MORE THAN \$50,000,000 TO PROVIDE LOANS
- 28 TO VENTURE CAPITAL PARTNERSHIPS. THE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR
- THIS PURPOSE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW PENNSYLVANIA
- 30 VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 1557

1	(RELATING TO NEW PENNSYLVANIA VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT
2	PROGRAM).
3	(2) AN AMOUNT UP TO 20% OF THE REVENUES TRANSFERRED TO
4	THE AUTHORITY, BUT NO MORE THAN \$50,000,000 TO PROVIDE GRANTS
5	AND LOANS FOR WORKING CAPITAL, EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION,
6	CONSTRUCTION AND SITE PREPARATION.
7	(3) AN AMOUNT UP TO 60% OF THE REVENUES TRANSFERRED TO
8	THE AUTHORITY, BUT NO MORE THAN \$150,000,000 TO PROVIDE
9	GRANTS AND LOANS TO BUSINESSES AND MUNICIPALITIES, MUNICIPAL
10	AUTHORITIES, REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND INDUSTRIAL
11	DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PREPARATION AND
12	DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH EFFICIENT ADVANCED ENERGY BUSINESS SITES.
13	(D) POLICYIN EXERCISING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES UNDER
14	SUBSECTION (A), THE AUTHORITY SHALL:
15	(1) PROMOTE THE DIVERSIFICATION OF ENERGY GENERATION BY
16	SUPPORTING A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF CLEAN ENERGY
17	TECHNOLOGIES.
18	(2) ENCOURAGE THE DEPLOYMENT OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION
19	PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND THIS COMMONWEALTH.
20	(3) CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF EACH
21	PROPOSED PROJECT AS IT FITS INTO THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THIS
22	COMMONWEALTH'S ADVANCED ENERGY MARKET.
23	(4) ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING THE MARKET FOR CLEAN
24	ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, SERVICES AND FUELS. IN PURSUIT OF THIS
25	GOAL, THE AUTHORITY SHALL EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING INVESTMENT
26	PRIORITIES:
27	(I) ATTRACTING OR EXPANDING CLEAN ENERGY
28	MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.
29	(II) DEPLOYMENT OF CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AT
30	MANUFACTURING FACILITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR

1	COMPETITIVENESS.
2	FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "CLEAN ENERGY" SHALL
3	MEAN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AS DEFINED IN THE ACT OF
4	NOVEMBER 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, NO.213), KNOWN AS THE
5	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS ACT, AND
6	ALTERNATIVE FUELS, INCLUDING THOSE DEFINED IN THE ACT OF
7	NOVEMBER 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, NO.178), KNOWN AS THE
8	ALTERNATIVE FUELS INCENTIVE ACT.
9	(5) BRING THE MOST FLEXIBILITY POSSIBLE TO THE DESIGN OF
LO	ITS FINANCING VEHICLES AND TO THE FOCUS OF ITS SOLICITATIONS.
L1	FINANCING VEHICLES SUCH AS LOAN GUARANTEES, INSURANCE
L2	PRODUCTS AND FLEX LOANS, WHICH CAN HAVE DELAYED REPAYMENT
L3	SCHEDULES OR VERY LOW INTEREST RATES, MAY BE UTILIZED IN
L4	ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL FINANCING FOR SOME TYPES OF PROJECTS.
L5	THE AUTHORITY SHALL EMPHASIZE FLEXIBILITY IN ITS
L6	SOLICITATIONS, WHICH MAY BE BROADLY TARGETED TO THE GENERAL
L7	ADVANCED ENERGY COMMUNITY OR NARROWLY TARGETED TOWARD
L8	SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE MARKET GAPS EXIST.
L9	(6) SEEK TO LEVERAGE ITS CAPITAL TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT
20	POSSIBLE. THE AUTHORITY MAY WORK WITH THE INVESTMENT AND
21	DEVELOPER COMMUNITY TO LEVERAGE ITS FUNDS BY REQUIRING
22	SIGNIFICANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR ALL PROJECTS EXCEPT IN RARE
23	CIRCUMSTANCES AND, WHEN ALLOWABLE, BY INVESTING IN PROJECTS
24	THAT ARE LIKELY TO YIELD SIGNIFICANT RETURNS. THE AUTHORITY
25	SHALL CONSIDER WAYS TO MANAGE AND INCREASE ITS OWN FUNDING,
26	INCLUDING EXPLORATION OF A VARIETY OF POTENTIAL AVENUES,
27	INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FEDERAL GRANTS, PRIVATE
28	FOUNDATION GRANTS AND LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS.
29	(7) REQUIRE, EXCEPT IN RARE CIRCUMSTANCES, ALL PROJECTS
3.0	TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE OBTAINED SIGNIFICANT MATCHING

- 1 FUNDS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUNDS FROM FEDERAL,
- 2 STATE, LOCAL OR PRIVATE SOURCES.
- 3 (8) EVALUATE A PROPOSED PROJECT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE
- 4 PROJECT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO ENABLE PROJECT COMPLETION.
- 5 (9) WHEN CONSIDERING LOANS OR LOAN GUARANTEES,
- 6 THOROUGHLY EVALUATE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE
- 7 CREDIT OF ALL BORROWERS AND ENSURE THAT ALL FINANCING IS
- 8 AWARDED TO BORROWERS WHO EVIDENCE A REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD OF
- 9 <u>BEING ABLE TO REPAY THE LOANS.</u>
- 10 (E) EVALUATION CRITERIA. -- IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC CRITERIA
- 11 <u>DEVELOPED BY THE AUTHORITY, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CRITERIA SHALL</u>
- 12 BE CONSIDERED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR ALL DEPLOYMENT PROJECTS:
- 13 (1) POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE MARKET FOR THE INDIGENOUS
- 14 ENERGY RESOURCES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.
- 15 (2) POTENTIAL TO ENHANCE THIS COMMONWEALTH'S ENERGY
- 16 SECURITY AND DIVERSITY.
- 17 (3) ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL
- 18 BENEFITS.
- 19 (4) POTENTIAL TO EITHER PROMOTE ENERGY CONSERVATION OR
- 20 <u>TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM ALTERNATIVE ENERGY</u>
- 21 SOURCES.
- 22 (5) POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.
- 23 WHICH MAY BE IN THE FORM OF JOB CREATION, NEW INVESTMENT,
- 24 <u>SAVINGS TO CONSUMERS OR REVENUE GENERATION FOR OTHER</u>
- 25 BENEFICIARIES, SUCH AS FARMERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR OTHER
- LANDOWNERS.
- 27 (6) TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
- 28 PROJECT.
- 29 Section 3. Title 64 is amended by adding a chapter to read:
- 30 CHAPTER 18

- 1 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND EMERGENCY POWERS
- 2 Sec.
- 3 <u>1801</u>. <u>Definitions</u>.
- 4 1802. Emergency petroleum product shortages.
- 5 1803. Energy Development Authority.
- 6 1804. Technical and financial support.
- 7 <u>1805</u>. Annual report.
- 8 1806. Powers and duties.
- 9 <u>1807</u>. Authority indebtedness.
- 10 1808. Financial assistance.
- 11 1809. Energy development plan.
- 12 <u>1810</u>. Exemption from taxation.
- 13 <u>1811</u>. Funding of authority.
- 14 1812. Limitation of powers.
- 15 <u>1813</u>. Audit.
- 16 § 1801. Definitions.
- 17 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 19 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 20 <u>"Authority." The Energy Development Authority established in</u>
- 21 <u>section 1803 (relating to Energy Development Authority).</u>
- 22 "Board." The board of directors of the Energy Development
- 23 Authority.
- 24 "Bonds." Notes, bonds, refunding or renewal notes and bonds
- 25 and other evidence of indebtedness or obligations which the
- 26 Energy Development Authority is authorized to issue.
- 27 "Cost." The expense of construction and the expense of
- 28 acquisition of all structures, lands and other property rights
- 29 and interests in land necessary to a project. The term also
- 30 includes the expense of demolishing, removing or relocating any

- 1 <u>buildings</u> or structures on lands acquired or to be acquired,
- 2 including the following:
- 3 (1) the expense of acquiring any lands to which the
- 4 <u>buildings or structures may be moved or relocated;</u>
- 5 (2) sewage treatment, waste treatment and pollution
- 6 control facilities;
- 7 (3) railroad sidings, spurs or branch lines;
- 8 (4) all labor, materials, machinery and equipment and
- 9 <u>fixtures;</u>
- 10 (5) financing charges;
- 11 (6) interest on all bonds prior to and during
- construction and for a period of one year thereafter;
- 13 (7) engineering, financial and legal services;
- 14 (8) plans, specifications, studies, surveys necessary or
- incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability
- of constructing a project;
- 17 (9) administrative expenses;
- 18 (10) reserves for interest and for extension,
- 19 enlargements, additions and improvements; and
- 20 (11) such other expenses as may be necessary or
- 21 incidental to the construction of the project and the placing
- of the same in operation.
- 23 "Person." A natural person, corporation, partnership,
- 24 association or municipality of this Commonwealth and any public
- 25 corporation, authority or body whatsoever.
- 26 "Petroleum product." Motor gasoline, kerosene, distillates,
- 27 including Number 2 fuel oil, and diesel fuel.
- 28 <u>"Project." An activity entirely or largely conducted in this</u>
- 29 Commonwealth which cannot be effectively funded using privately
- 30 <u>available resources, relating to:</u>

1 (1) basic and applied research concerning energy use. 2 renewable energy resources and energy extraction, 3 transmission, storage or conversion; 4 (2) limited scale demonstration of innovative or 5 commercially unproven technology to promote the production, use or conservation of energy; 6 7 (3) activities to promote or remove obstacles to the 8 utilization and transportation of Pennsylvania energy 9 resources, including, but not limited to, limited scale synthetic fuel facilities and the conversion or technological 10 improvement of industrial, commercial or agricultural systems 11 12 to utilize Pennsylvania coal or renewable energy resources, 13 except that the facility shall not unreasonably interfere 14 with private waste recycling industries; 15 (4) activities designed to further development or 16 deployment of: (i) alternative energy sources, including those 17 18 defined in the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio 19 20 Standards Act; (ii) alternative fuels, including those defined in 21 the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as 22 23 the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act; 2.4 (iii) energy efficiency technology; and 25 (iv) energy conservation measures. 26 (5) Activities designed to improve the energy efficiency of large-scale industrial production facilities. 27 § 1802. Emergency petroleum product shortages. 28 29 (a) General rule. -- The Governor may, by executive order, proclaim a state of emergency based upon a finding that there 30

- 1 impends or exists a substantial shortage of petroleum products
- 2 <u>available for use in this Commonwealth which poses a serious</u>
- 3 threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public. A state
- 4 of emergency shall remain in effect for the maximum period of 90
- 5 days and may be extended by the Governor unless the extension is
- 6 disapproved by concurrent resolution adopted by both houses of
- 7 the General Assembly. A state of emergency may be declared for
- 8 all or any portion of this Commonwealth.
- 9 (b) Designation. -- Upon proclamation of a state of emergency,
- 10 the Governor shall designate a State agency to conduct emergency
- 11 <u>allocation measures during the period of the declared emergency.</u>
- 12 <u>Emergency allocation measures may consist of:</u>
- 13 (1) the administration of any emergency allocation
- 14 powers delegated to the Commonwealth by the President or any
- 15 <u>Federal agency</u>;
- 16 (2) the implementation of a set-aside program, for not
- more than 1% of the petroleum products available for use in
- 18 this Commonwealth, to alleviate hardship or meet emergency
- 19 needs. A set-aside program shall be established in conformity
- 20 <u>with any Federal law, regulations or executive orders</u>
- 21 governing petroleum allocation and shall apply only to
- 22 petroleum products found to be in a substantial shortage;
- 23 (3) measures to reduce demand for or consumption of
- 24 gasoline; and
- 25 (4) other measures identified by the Governor in an
- 26 executive order proclaiming a state of emergency as necessary
- 27 to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- 28 (c) Regulations. -- The agency designated by the Governor to
- 29 conduct emergency measures may, during the period of the
- 30 emergency, adopt rules and regulations pursuant to section 204

- 1 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as
- 2 the Commonwealth Documents Law. Any regulation adopted during a
- 3 state of emergency shall be automatically rescinded upon the
- 4 <u>expiration of the emergency.</u>
- 5 (d) Monitoring. -- The Governor may designate a State agency
- 6 to monitor supplies of petroleum products available for use in
- 7 this Commonwealth to determine whether there exists, or is
- 8 likely to exist, a shortage.
- 9 <u>(1) In order to monitor supplies of petroleum products,</u>
- 10 the agency may require recordkeeping and periodic reports
- from petroleum suppliers which shall, to the maximum extent
- 12 possible, employ federally mandated reports and records,
- 13 avoid duplicative reporting and recordkeeping and minimize
- 14 paperwork, recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
- 15 (2) Reports filed and records maintained pursuant to
- this subsection shall be deemed confidential.
- 17 (3) When a petroleum supplier or a company providing
- 18 information to a petroleum supplier claims that the
- 19 information requested by the agency is confidential,
- 20 proprietary, market or trade secret information or when the
- information is deemed confidential pursuant to this section,
- 22 the agency shall not disclose the information publicly or to
- any other governmental agency unless the information is
- 24 aggregated as part of a statistical report in which the data
- 25 <u>and individual companies supplying the data cannot be</u>
- 26 identified.
- 27 (4) No employee or appointee of the agency or any other
- 28 person may release information from a petroleum product
- 29 company that would enable data provided by or relating to
- 30 individual customers of the petroleum company to be

- 1 identified as relating to or coming from the individual
- 2 <u>customer. Any person disclosing the information in violation</u>
- of this section commits a misdemeanor of the third degree,
- 4 shall be subject to disciplinary action, including reprimand,
- 5 suspension or termination, and may be ordered to make
- 6 restitution to any injured or aggrieved party for losses or
- 7 <u>damages shown</u>.
- 8 (5) In order to obtain information required pursuant to
- 9 this subsection, the agency designated by the Governor to
- 10 monitor supplies of petroleum products may receive or share
- information from any other Federal, State or local agency.
- 12 The agency shall provide the same confidentiality to
- information recovered as is provided by the supplying agency.
- 14 § 1803. Energy Development Authority.
- 15 (a) Establishment. -- There is established the Energy
- 16 <u>Development Authority</u>.
- 17 (b) Board of directors. -- The authority shall be governed and
- 18 all of its corporate powers exercised by a board of directors
- 19 which shall be composed of the following individuals:
- 20 (1) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a
- 21 <u>designee.</u>
- 22 (2) The Secretary of Banking or a designee.
- 23 (3) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development
- or a designee.
- 25 <u>(4) The Secretary of Agriculture or a designee.</u>
- 26 (5) Four legislative appointees.
- 27 (i) Appointments are as follows:
- 28 (A) One individual appointed by the President
- 29 <u>pro tempore of the Senate.</u>
- 30 (B) One individual appointed by the Minority

- 2 <u>(C) One individual appointed by the Majority</u>
- 3 <u>Leader of the House of Representatives.</u>
- 4 (D) One individual appointed by the Minority
- 5 <u>Leader of the House of Representatives.</u>
- 6 <u>(ii) Legislative appointees shall serve at the</u>
- 7 pleasure of the appointing authority.
- 8 <u>(iii) An individual appointed to the board pursuant</u>
- 9 <u>to subparagraph (i) may not be a member of the General</u>
- 10 <u>Assembly or staff of a member of the General Assembly.</u>
- 11 (c) Organization. -- The Governor shall select a member of the
- 12 board to serve as chairperson. The members shall select from
- 13 among themselves such officers as they shall determine.
- 14 (d) Compensation.--Members of the board of directors shall
- 15 be entitled to no compensation for their services as members but
- 16 shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses
- 17 incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as
- 18 members.
- 19 (e) Meetings and quorum. -- The board of directors shall
- 20 provide for the holding of regular and special meetings. The
- 21 consent of at least five directors, with at least four of the
- 22 consenting directors being appointed under subsection (b)(5).
- 23 shall be required to adopt any action on behalf of the
- 24 <u>authority</u>.
- 25 § 1804. Technical and financial support.
- 26 (a) General rule. -- The Governor shall designate a State
- 27 agency to provide staff services to the authority for its
- 28 <u>administration of this chapter, including technical services to</u>
- 29 <u>assist the authority in carrying out the provisions of this</u>
- 30 <u>chapter.</u>

- 1 (b) Personnel and services. -- The authority may utilize
- 2 personnel and services from any departments, agencies or other
- 3 <u>authorities of the Commonwealth whose facilities and services</u>
- 4 may be useful to the authority for implementation of this
- 5 chapter upon approval of the departments, agencies or
- 6 authorities.
- 7 (c) Reimbursement. -- The authority may make reimbursement to
- 8 an agency, department or authority of the Commonwealth for
- 9 <u>expenses incurred in providing services or use of facilities</u>
- 10 acquired by the authority.
- 11 (d) Construction. -- Notwithstanding 66 Pa.C.S. § 511
- 12 (relating to disposition, appropriation and disbursement of
- 13 assessments and fees) or any other law of this Commonwealth, no
- 14 funds received as reimbursement under this section shall be
- 15 <u>deemed to be in substitution for funds from another source, nor</u>
- 16 <u>shall the funds reduce assessments to any utility. No funds</u>
- 17 shall lapse at termination of a fiscal year, nor shall the funds
- 18 reduce any assessment by the Pennsylvania Public Utility
- 19 Commission in any fiscal year.
- 20 § 1805. Annual report.
- 21 The board shall make an annual report of the activities of
- 22 the authority for the preceding fiscal year, not later than 120
- 23 days after the conclusion of the fiscal year, to the Governor
- 24 and General Assembly. Each report shall contain a statement of
- 25 activities and a complete operating and financial statement
- 26 <u>covering the operations of the authority.</u>
- 27 § 1806. Powers and duties.
- 28 The authority, as a public corporation and governmental
- 29 <u>instrumentality exercising public powers of the Commonwealth, is</u>
- 30 granted, shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or

- 1 appropriate to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this
- 2 chapter, including, but not limited to, the power:
- 3 (1) To conduct examinations and investigations and take
- 4 <u>testimony under oath or affirmation at public or private</u>
- 5 <u>hearings on matters material for its information and</u>
- 6 <u>necessary to determination and approval of energy development</u>
- 7 <u>project loan applications.</u>
- 8 (2) To have existence until its existence shall be
- 9 terminated by law.
- 10 (3) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded,
- 11 <u>complain and defend in all courts.</u>
- 12 (4) To adopt, use and alter at will a corporate seal.
- 13 (5) To make bylaws for management and regulation of its
- 14 affairs and make, amend and repeal rules and regulations
- 15 governing the business of the authority.
- 16 (6) To seek technical determinations on project
- 17 applications.
- 18 (7) To make contracts of every name and nature and
- 19 execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the
- 20 <u>carrying on of its business.</u>
- 21 (8) To accept grants from and enter into contracts or
- 22 other transactions with Federal agencies.
- 23 (9) To take title by foreclosure or otherwise to a
- 24 <u>project or other property pledged, mortgaged, encumbered or</u>
- 25 <u>otherwise available as security for a project financed in</u>
- 26 whole or in part by the authority, whether by loan, loan
- 27 quarantee or otherwise where acquisition is necessary to
- 28 protect the interests of the authority regarding a project,
- 29 to pay costs arising out of the acquisition from money held
- in the Energy Development Fund and to sell, transfer and

1 convey all or any portion of a project to a responsible 2 buyer. 3 (10) To purchase and make payments of mortgages on any 4 project where the purchase or payment is necessary to protect 5 a loan or loan quarantee previously made by the authority and to sell, transfer, convey or assign any such mortgage. Money 6 7 so used by the authority in the purchase of any mortgage, or 8 any payments thereon, shall be withdrawn from the Energy 9 Development Fund, and money derived from the sale of any mortgages shall be deposited by the authority in the fund. 10 (11) To lease, lease with an option to purchase, sell by 11 installment sale or otherwise, or otherwise dispose of any or 12 13 all of its projects, for the rentals or amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the authority deems proper. 14 15 (12) To finance projects by making loans to persons to provide funds for project costs. 16 (13) To quarantee loans of money made to persons, upon 17 18 the terms and conditions which the authority may prescribe, relating to projects. 19 20 (14) To make grants to fund projects. (15) To collect fees and charges determined to be 21 22 reasonable as to activities undertaken in furtherance of the 23 purposes of this chapter. 2.4 (16) To borrow money for the operation and work of the authority by making notes and issuing bonds under the 25 26 provisions of this chapter. 27 (17) To pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber 28 revenues or receipts of the authority as security for bonds of the authority. 29

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(18) To receive appropriations and apply for and accept

1 grants, gifts, donations, bequests and settlements from a 2 public or private source. Money received by the authority 3 shall be deposited in the Energy Development Fund and used 4 for the purposes of the authority. 5 (19) To promote and facilitate the sale through this Commonwealth of alternative energy credits as defined in the 6 7 act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the 8 Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act. This paragraph 9 shall not be construed as conferring on the Commonwealth the authority to purchase, acquire or sell alternative energy 10 11 credits. 12 (20) To establish rebate and incentive programs to help 13 defray the costs to persons associated with the purchase, manufacture or distribution of products used to generate 14 15 alternative energy or employing energy-efficient technology. 16 (21) To enter into agreements with the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Ben Franklin 17 18 Technology Development Authority to provide for the transfer of funds from the Energy Development Fund or other funds 19 20 under the control of the authority, to be used for energyrelated activities and to fulfill the obligations of a bond 21 22 for alternative energy projects, including: 23 (i) An amount up to 9% of the revenues in the fund, 2.4 but no more than \$56,000,000 to the Ben Franklin 25 Technology Development Authority to support early-stage 26 activities, including incubator support services, 27 management support, translational research activities and 28 early-stage capital. The funds designated for these purposes shall be allocated to the Ben Franklin 29 Technology Partners. Funding shall be subject to the 30

1 quidelines established by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority. The quidelines shall be posted on 2. 3 its official Internet website. 4 (ii) An amount up to 8% of the revenues in the fund, but not more than \$44,000,000 to create a rebate program 5 to lower the retail price of new energy-efficient 6 7 appliances. (iii) An amount up to 33% of the revenues in the 8 9 fund, but not more than \$200,000,000 toward rebates and grants for solar photovoltaic, other solar electric or 10 solar thermal projects and toward production incentives 11 to encourage the establishment or expansion of solar 12 13 manufacturing operations in this Commonwealth. Not less than 65% of the total funding under this subsection shall 14 15 be used for rebates and grants for solar photovoltaic, other solar electric or solar thermal projects. Projects 16 installing solar equipment manufactured in this 17 18 Commonwealth are eliqible for rebates and grants up to 15% greater than comparable projects installing equipment 19 20 manufactured outside this Commonwealth. (iv) An amount up to 50% of the revenues in the 21 22 fund, but no more than \$300,000,000 to provide grants and 23 loans for alternative energy projects, alternative fuels 2.4 and demand-side management and efficiency measures for all customer classes, including, but not limited to, 25 26 energy-efficient building construction, equipment and 27 renovation. 28 (V) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS COLLECTED DURING EACH FISCAL YEAR UNDER ARTICLE 29 XI OF THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS 30

- THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971, SHALL BE ANNUALLY
- 2 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AUTHORITY FOR
- 3 THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 4 § 1807. Authority indebtedness.
- 5 (a) General rule. -- The authority shall have the power and is
- 6 <u>authorized from time to time</u>, by resolution of the authority and
- 7 <u>subject to the written approval of the Governor, to issue its</u>
- 8 negotiable bonds in such principal amount as, in the opinion of
- 9 the authority, shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds
- 10 for any of its corporate purposes, the establishment of reserves
- 11 to secure the bonds and all other expenditures of the authority
- 12 incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out its
- 13 corporate purposes and powers. The aggregate principal amount of
- 14 bonds and notes of the authority shall not exceed \$800,000,000
- 15 <u>outstanding at any one time.</u>
- 16 (b) Refund or renewal. -- The authority, whenever it deems it
- 17 expedient, shall have the power to refund or renew any bonds by
- 18 the issuance of new bonds whether the bonds to be refunded or
- 19 renewed have or have not matured. Refunding bonds shall be sold
- 20 and the proceeds applied to the purchase, redemption or payment
- 21 of the bonds to be refunded.
- 22 (c) No personal liability.--Neither the members of the board
- 23 of the authority nor any person executing the bonds shall be
- 24 liable personally on the bonds or be subject to any personal
- 25 <u>liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.</u>
- 26 (d) No Commonwealth debt.--Bonds issued under the provisions
- 27 of this chapter shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the
- 28 Commonwealth or any political subdivision or a pledge of the
- 29 faith and credit of the Commonwealth or any political
- 30 subdivision.

- 1 (e) Bond requirements.--
- 2 (1) The bonds of the authority shall be of the series,
- 3 bear date or dates, mature at the time or times not exceeding
- 4 40 years from their respective dates, bear interest at the
- 5 <u>rate or rates, payable at least semiannually, be in the</u>
- 6 <u>denominations</u>, be in the form, either coupon or fully
- 7 <u>registered without coupons, carry the registration,</u>
- 8 <u>exchangeability and interchangeability privileges, by payment</u>
- 9 <u>in medium of payment and at the place or places, be subject</u>
- to the terms of redemption, with or without premium, and be
- 11 <u>entitled to the priorities in the revenue or receipts of the</u>
- 12 <u>authority as the resolution or resolutions of the authority</u>
- may provide.
- 14 (2) The bonds shall be signed by or shall bear the
- 15 <u>facsimile signature of the officers the authority shall</u>
- determine, and coupon bonds shall have attached to the coupon
- 17 bond in interest coupons bearing the facsimile signature of
- 18 the chairman of the authority, all as may be prescribed in
- 19 the resolution or resolutions of the authority.
- 20 (3) Bonds may be issued and delivered, notwithstanding
- 21 that one or more of the officers signing the bonds shall have
- 22 ceased to be the officer or officers at the time when the
- bonds shall actually be delivered.
- 24 (4) Bonds may be sold at public or private sales for the
- 25 <u>price or prices as the authority shall determine. Pending the</u>
- 26 <u>preparation of the definitive bonds, interim receipts may be</u>
- 27 issued to the purchaser or purchasers of the bonds and may
- contain such terms and conditions as the authority may
- 29 <u>determine</u>.
- 30 (5) Any bond reciting in substance that it has been

- 1 issued by the authority to aid in the financing of one or
- 2 more projects to accomplish the public purposes of this
- 3 <u>chapter shall be conclusively deemed in proceedings involving</u>
- 4 the validity or enforceability of the bond or security for
- 5 <u>the bond to have been issued for that purpose.</u>
- 6 (f) Bond provisions. -- A resolution or resolutions
- 7 authorizing bonds may contain provisions, which shall be part of
- 8 the contract with holders of the bonds, as to any of the
- 9 <u>following:</u>
- 10 (1) Pledging the full faith and credit of the authority.
- 11 (2) The terms and provisions of the bonds.
- 12 (3) Limitations on the purposes to which the proceeds of
- the bonds then or from then on to be issued may be applied.
- 14 (4) The setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and
- the regulation and disposition of the reserves or sinking
- 16 <u>funds</u>.
- 17 <u>(5) Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds.</u>
- 18 (6) The terms and provisions of any indenture under
- 19 which the bonds may be issued.
- 20 (7) Any other or additional agreements with the holders
- of the bonds.
- 22 (q) Indentures and other agreements.--The authority may
- 23 enter into indentures or other agreements, with a bank or trust
- 24 company in or outside this Commonwealth, including a Federal
- 25 agency, and may assign and pledge all or any of the revenues or
- 26 receipts of the authority. The indenture or other agreement may
- 27 contain such provisions as may be customary in such instruments
- 28 or as the authority may authorize, including, but without
- 29 <u>limitation</u>, <u>provisions</u> as to:
- 30 (1) the application of funds and the safeguarding of

- 1 <u>funds on hand or on deposit;</u>
- 2 (2) the rights and remedies of the trustee and the
- 3 <u>holders of the bonds, which may include restrictions upon the</u>
- 4 <u>individual right of action of the holders; and</u>
- 5 (3) the terms and provisions of the bonds or any
- 6 additional bonds or the resolutions authorizing the issuance
- 7 of the bonds or additional bonds.
- 8 (h) Negotiable instruments. -- The bonds shall have all the
- 9 qualities of negotiable instruments under 13 Pa.C.S. Div. 3
- 10 (relating to negotiable instruments).
- 11 (i) Rights and remedies. -- The rights and remedies conferred
- 12 upon or granted to the bondholders shall be in addition to and
- 13 not in limitation of any rights and remedies lawfully granted to
- 14 the bondholders by the resolution or resolutions providing for
- 15 the issuance of bonds or by any indenture or other agreement
- 16 <u>under which the bonds may be issued.</u>
- 17 (j) Default.--In the event that the authority shall default
- 18 in the payment of principal of premium, if any, or interest on
- 19 any issue of bonds after the principal, premium or interest
- 20 <u>shall become due</u>, whether at maturity, upon call for redemption
- 21 or otherwise and the default shall continue for a period of 30
- 22 days, or in the event that the authority shall fail or refuse to
- 23 comply with the provisions of this chapter or shall default in
- 24 any agreement made with the holders of the bonds, the holders of
- 25 25% in aggregate principal amount of the bonds then outstanding
- 26 of the issues, by instrument or instruments filed in the Office
- 27 of the Prothonotary of the Commonwealth Court, may appoint a
- 28 trustee to represent the bondholders for the purposes provided
- 29 <u>in this subsection. The trustee and any trustee under any</u>
- 30 <u>indenture or other agreement may</u>, and upon written request of

- 1 the holders of 25% or other percentage as may be specified in
- 2 any indenture or other agreement, in principal amount of the
- 3 particular issues of bonds then outstanding shall, in the
- 4 trustee's own name:
- 5 (1) By mandamus or other suit, action or proceeding at
- 6 law or in equity, enforce all rights of the bondholders,
- 7 <u>including the right to require the authority to carry out any</u>
- 8 agreement as to or pledge of the revenues or receipts of the
- 9 authority and to require the authority to carry out any other
- 10 agreements with or for the benefit of the bondholders and to
- 11 perform its and their duties under this chapter.
- 12 (2) Bring suit upon the bonds.
- 13 (3) By action or suit in equity require the authority to
- 14 <u>account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the</u>
- bondholders.
- 16 (4) By action or suit in equity enjoin any acts or
- things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of
- 18 the bondholders.
- 19 (5) By notice in writing to the authority, declare all
- 20 bonds due and payable and if all defaults shall be made good,
- 21 then with the consent of the holders of 25% or such other
- 22 percentage as may be specified in any indenture or other
- agreement of the principal amount of bonds then outstanding,
- to announce the declaration and its consequences.
- 25 (k) Jurisdiction.--The Commonwealth Court shall have
- 26 jurisdiction of any suit, action or proceeding by the trustee on
- 27 behalf of the bondholders.
- 28 <u>(1) Trustee powers.--</u>
- 29 (1) A trustee appointed by the court or trustee acting
- 30 under an indenture or other agreement, and whether or not all

- 1 bonds have been declared due and payable, shall be entitled
- 2 as of right to the appointment of a receiver, who may
- 3 <u>exercise dominion over the mortgages or other security held</u>
- 4 by or available to the authority or any part of the
- 5 <u>authority</u>, the revenues or receipts from which are or may be
- 6 applicable to the payment of the bonds so in default, and
- 7 collect and receive all revenues arising after default from
- 8 the bonds in the same manner as the authority might do and
- 9 <u>shall deposit all money in a separate account and apply the</u>
- same in the manner as the court shall direct.
- 11 (2) In any suit, action or proceeding by a trustee, the
- 12 <u>fees, the counsel fees and expenses of the trustee and of the</u>
- 13 receiver, if any, and all costs and disbursements allowed by
- the court shall be a first charge on any revenues and
- receipts derived from the mortgages of the authority or other
- security held by or available to the authority, the revenues
- 17 or receipts from which are or may be applicable to the
- 18 payment of the bonds in default.
- 19 (3) A trustee shall also have all of the power necessary
- 20 <u>or appropriate for the exercise of any function specifically</u>
- 21 set forth in this section, in any indenture or other
- 22 agreement or incident to the general representation of the
- 23 bondholders in the enforcement and protection of their
- 24 rights.
- 25 § 1808. Financial assistance.
- 26 (a) General rule. -- When it has been determined by the
- 27 authority, upon application and hearing in the manner provided
- 28 <u>in this section, that the granting of financial assistance will</u>
- 29 accomplish the public purposes of this chapter, the authority
- 30 may contract to make financial assistance available in an amount

- 1 not in excess of the cost of the project.
- 2 (b) Confirmation of other funding. -- Prior to committing
- 3 <u>itself to provide financial assistance under this section, the</u>
- 4 authority shall have determined that the person requesting the
- 5 <u>assistance has obtained from other responsible and independent</u>
- 6 sources, including the Federal Government, banks, savings and
- 7 loan associations or otherwise, a firm commitment for all other
- 8 funds, over and above the amount of financial assistance
- 9 requested from the authority, which in the aggregate shall be
- 10 sufficient to cover the entire cost of the project.
- 11 (c) Time period and interest.--Any loan, lease, sale,
- 12 guarantee or other agreement with response to a project shall be
- 13 for the period of time and shall bear interest at the rate as
- 14 shall be determined by the authority and may be secured by
- 15 mortgage on and security interest in the project which the loan,
- 16 lease, quarantee or other sale agreement relates, or with
- 17 respect to any other property of the obligor, or any other
- 18 security which the authority determines to be necessary.
- 19 (d) Manner of payment. -- Money made available for projects by
- 20 the authority shall be withdrawn from the appropriate funds and
- 21 paid over to the obligor in the manner provided and prescribed
- 22 by the resolutions, rules and regulations of the authority, the
- 23 loan, lease, sale, guarantee or other agreement and the
- 24 <u>indenture or agreement of trust, if any, relating to the</u>
- 25 project.
- 26 (e) Deposit in appropriate funds.--All payments of interest
- 27 on funds made available for projects and the principal amount
- 28 shall be deposited by or on behalf of the authority in the
- 29 <u>appropriate funds.</u>
- 30 (f) Application form.--Prior to disbursing any funds for, or

- 1 committing itself to quarantee any indebtedness relating to, or
- 2 providing technical assistance for a project, the authority
- 3 shall receive an application in the form and having the content
- 4 the authority may prescribe from the person seeking the
- 5 assistance.
- 6 § 1809. Energy development plan.
- 7 (a) Contents. -- In order to devise the most effective
- 8 strategy for providing the financial and technical assistance
- 9 <u>authorized in this chapter, the authority shall publish by</u>
- 10 August 15, 1983, a plan for the allocation and distribution of
- 11 <u>financial and technical assistance</u>. The energy development plan
- 12 <u>shall do all of the following:</u>
- 13 (1) Place maximum reliance upon allocation and
- 14 <u>distribution strategies that exploit the use of other</u>
- 15 <u>available Federal, State, local and private financial</u>
- 16 support.
- 17 (2) Allocate appropriated authority funds, money made
- 18 available from payment of principal and interest received by
- 19 the authority not otherwise payable to other creditors or
- 20 <u>bondholders and other funds available to the authority to</u>
- 21 <u>projects whose likelihood or implementation would be</u>
- 22 diminished unless financial and technical assistance from the
- authority is made available.
- 24 (3) Provide for the approval of assistance for projects
- 25 <u>that will make the greatest possible contributions to energy</u>
- 26 conservation and development.
- 27 (4) Provide financial and technical assistance only to
- 28 persons with a demonstrated need and who evidence reasonable
- 29 <u>likelihood of being able, in the case of loans and loan</u>
- 30 guarantees, to repay the loans.

- 1 (5) Identify the various classes of projects to be
- 2 provided with financial and technical assistance and allocate
- 3 <u>available authority funds among these classes. Specifically,</u>
- 4 the authority shall consider increasing coal production and
- 5 the use of renewable fuels and in energy efficiency in
- 6 <u>buildings</u> and industry in establishing its priorities.
- 7 (6) Establish application procedures and criteria for
- 8 granting financial and technical assistance.
- 9 (7) Establish procedures for the periodic updating and
- 10 <u>revision of the energy development plan.</u>
- 11 (b) Public hearings.--The authority shall hold public
- 12 hearings at locations throughout this Commonwealth to receive
- 13 comments upon and suggestions for the improvement of the energy
- 14 development plan. These hearings shall be concluded within 90
- 15 days of the publication of the initial plan. Not more than 90
- 16 days following the completion of hearings, the authority shall
- 17 promulgate its final energy development plan.
- 18 § 1810. Exemption from taxation.
- 19 (a) Exemption. -- The effectuation of the authorized purposes
- 20 of the authority is for the benefit of the people of this
- 21 Commonwealth and since the authority will as a government
- 22 instrumentality of the Commonwealth be performing essential
- 23 government functions in effectuating the purposes, the bonds or
- 24 other evidences of indebtedness issued by the authority, their
- 25 <u>transfer and the income from the bonds shall at all times be</u>
- 26 free from taxation within this Commonwealth.
- 27 (b) Interest on certain bonds. -- The authority may covenant
- 28 and consent that the interest on certain of its bonds shall be
- 29 <u>includable</u>, <u>under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law</u>
- 30 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.) or any subsequent corresponding

- 1 internal revenue laws of the United States, in the gross income
- 2 of the holders of the bonds to the same extent and in the same
- 3 manner that the interest on bills, bonds, notes or other
- 4 obligations of the United States is includable in the gross
- 5 income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of
- 6 1986. Notwithstanding any covenant or consent of the authority,
- 7 the exemption provided in subsection (a) shall not be affected.
- 8 § 1811. Funding of authority.
- 9 (a) Energy Development Fund. -- A special account is hereby
- 10 <u>created in the State Treasury to be known as the Energy</u>
- 11 <u>Development Fund. The fund shall be used to prepare the energy</u>
- 12 <u>development plan</u>, to pay for initial administrative costs
- 13 <u>associated with initial bond issues</u>, to make grants for limited
- 14 research and pursuant to this chapter to establish such reserves
- 15 as in the judgment of the authority with respect to loans
- 16 quaranteed or bonds issued by the authority may be necessary or
- 17 desirable or to accomplish any other of its corporate purposes.
- 18 (b) Administrative costs. -- As often as may be necessary, the
- 19 authority shall requisition from the appropriate funds the
- 20 <u>amounts necessary to provide adequate funds for the payment of</u>
- 21 the administrative costs related to this chapter.
- 22 (c) Excess funds. -- At any time that the authority shall
- 23 determine that funds held for the credit of the Energy
- 24 Development Fund are in excess of the amount needed to carry out
- 25 the purposes of this chapter, the authority shall take such
- 26 <u>action as shall be required to release the excess from the fund</u>
- 27 and transfer the same to the General Fund of the State Treasury.
- 28 § 1812. Limitation of powers.
- 29 The Commonwealth pledges to and agrees with any person or
- 30 Federal agency subscribing to or acquiring the bonds to be

- 1 issued by the authority for the construction of any project or
- 2 part of the project, that the Commonwealth will not limit or
- 3 <u>alter adversely the rights vested in the authority until all</u>
- 4 bonds at any time issued, together with the interest, are fully
- 5 met and discharged. The Commonwealth further pledges to and
- 6 agrees with any Federal agency that if the Federal agency shall
- 7 construct or contribute funds for the construction of any
- 8 project or any portion of the project, the Commonwealth will not
- 9 <u>alter or limit the rights and powers of the authority in any</u>
- 10 manner that would be inconsistent with the continued maintenance
- 11 and operation of any project or the improvement of the project,
- 12 or that would be inconsistent with the due performance of any
- 13 agreements between the authority and the Federal agency, and the
- 14 authority shall continue to have and may exercise all powers
- 15 granted under this chapter, as long as the same shall be
- 16 <u>necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this</u>
- 17 chapter and the purposes of the United States pertaining to the
- 18 construction, acquisition or improvement of any project or
- 19 portion of the project.
- 20 <u>§ 1813. Audit.</u>
- 21 The accounts and books of the authority, including its
- 22 receipts, disbursements, contracts, mortgages, investments and
- 23 other matters relating to its finances, operation and affairs
- 24 shall be examined and audited every two years by the Auditor
- 25 General.
- 26 Section 4. The following apply:
- 27 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
- paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of 64
- 29 Pa.C.S. Ch. 18.
- 30 (2) Article XXVIII-C of the act of April 9, 1929

- 1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
- 2 is repealed.
- 3 Section 5. The addition of 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 18 is a
- 4 continuation of Article XXVIII-C of the act of April 9, 1929
- 5 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929. The
- 6 following apply:
- 7 (1) Except as otherwise provided in 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 18,
- 8 all activities initiated under Article XXVIII-C of The
- 9 Administrative Code of 1929 shall continue and remain in full
- 10 force and effect and may be completed under 64 Pa.C.S. Ch.
- 11 18. Orders, regulations, rules and decisions which were made
- 12 under Article XXVIII-C of The Administrative Code of 1929 and
- which are in effect on the effective date of section 2(2) of
- this act shall remain in full force and effect until revoked,
- vacated or modified under 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 18. Contracts,
- obligations and collective bargaining agreements entered into
- 17 under Article XXVIII-C of The Administrative Code of 1929 are
- not affected nor impaired by the repeal of Article XXVIII-C
- of The Administrative Code of 1929.
- 20 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), any difference
- in language between 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 18 and Article XXVIII-C of
- The Administrative Code of 1929 is intended only to conform
- 23 to the style of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and is
- 24 not intended to change or affect the legislative intent,
- judicial construction or administration and implementation of
- 26 Article XXVIII-C of The Administrative Code of 1929.
- 27 (3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to the following
- 28 provisions:
- (i) Paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of the definition of
- 30 "project" in 64 Pa.C.S. § 1801.

- 1 (ii) 64 Pa.C.S. § 1802(d)(4).
- 2 (iii) 64 Pa.C.S. § 1803(b), (c), (d) and (e).
- (iv) 64 Pa.C.S. § 1806(2), (14), (19), (20) and
- 4 (21).
- 5 (v) 64 Pa.C.S. § 1807 (a) and (c).
- 6 (VI) 64 PA.C.S. § 1809(A).
- 7 (vi) (VII) 64 Pa.C.S. § 1811(a). <—

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- 8 Section 6. Upon dedication of funding by the General
- 9 Assembly pursuant to 64 Pa.C.S. § 1515, the State Treasurer
- 10 shall publish a notice to that effect in the Pennsylvania
- 11 Bulletin.
- 12 Section 7. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 13 (1) This section and section 6 of this act shall take
- 14 effect immediately.
- 15 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon
- 16 publication of the notice required by section 6 of this act.