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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1614 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BELFANTI, GERGELY, GOODMAN, MENSCH, BRENNAN, SIPTROTH, HORNAMAN, CALTAGIRONE, PASHINSKI, DeLUCA, GEORGE, HALUSKA, GRUCELA, FRANKEL, MURPHY, KORTZ, FABRIZIO, CARROLL, K. SMITH, MAHONEY, MURT, MELIO AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 5, 2009

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

## AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, 3 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and 5 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the 7 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other 8 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the 9 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims 10 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and 11 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to 12 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth 13 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 14 15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 16 17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 18 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of 19 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of 20 21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State 22 government, every political subdivision of the State, and 23 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 24 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or 25 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws 26 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or 27 28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," repealing FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE STATE 29 30 31 WORKERS' INSURANCE BOARD AND FOR sunset provisions relating

- to State Workers' Insurance Fund investment authority.
- 2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 hereby enacts as follows:
- 4 Section 1. Section 1732 A of the act of April 9, 1929
- 5 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, added July 7, 2005
- 6 <del>(P.L.174, No.41), is repealed:</del>
- 7 (Section 1732 A. Expiration.
- 8 This subarticle shall expire June 30, 2009.]
- 9 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1731-A AND 1732-A OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9,
- 10 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, ADDED JULY 7,
- 11 2005 (P.L.174, NO.41), ARE REENACTED AND AMENDED TO READ:
- 12 SECTION 1731-A. STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE BOARD.
- 13 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1512
- 14 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 2, 1915 (P.L.736, NO.338), KNOWN AS THE
- 15 WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, SECTION 504 OF THE ACT OF NOVEMBER
- 16 30, 1965 (P.L.847, NO.356), KNOWN AS THE BANKING CODE OF 1965,
- 17 SECTION 922 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 14, 1967 (P.L.746, NO.345),
- 18 KNOWN AS THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION CODE OF 1967, AND ANY OTHER LAW
- 19 OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, THE POWER OF THE STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE
- 20 BOARD TO INVEST MONEY SHALL INCLUDE THE POWER TO HOLD, PURCHASE,
- 21 SELL, ASSIGN, TRANSFER AND DISPOSE OF SECURITIES, INCLUDING
- 22 COMMON STOCK WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:
- 23 (1) INVESTMENTS IN EQUITIES MAY NOT EXCEED THE LESSER
- 24 OF:
- 25 (I) 20% OF THE STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND'S
- ASSETS; OR
- 27 (II) THE STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND'S STATUTORY
- 28 SURPLUS AFTER DISCOUNT, EXCEPT THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE
- 29 <u>STATUTORY SURPLUS IS LESS THAN 7 1/2% OF THE BOOK VALUE</u>
- 30 OF THE ASSETS OF THE STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND, THE

- 1 INVESTMENT IN EQUITIES MAY NOT EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE SET
- 2 FORTH IN THE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SAVINGS BANKS IN
- 3 SECTION 504 OF THE BANKING CODE OF 1965.
- 4 (1.1) INVESTMENTS IN EQUITIES SHALL BE MADE SUBJECT TO
- 5 THE PRUDENT MAN RULE OF SECTION 504(C) OF THE BANKING CODE OF
- 6 1965.
- 7 (2) THE STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A
- 8 POLICY FOR INVESTMENTS AND SHALL MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY TO
- 9 DEVELOP A SCHEDULE FOR REBALANCING ITS INVESTMENTS IN
- 10 SECURITIES TO MEET THE RESTRICTION OF PARAGRAPH (1).
- 11 SECTION 1732-A. EXPIRATION.
- 12 THIS SUBARTICLE SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, [2009] 2014.
- 13 SECTION 2. THE REENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 1731-A
- 14 AND 1732-A SHALL APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO JUNE 30, 2009.
- 15 Section  $\frac{2}{3}$ . This act shall take effect immediately.