

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 444 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, HENNESSEY, HELM, MILLARD, STERN, BAKER,
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MURT, PEIFER, GABLER AND EVERETT, JANUARY 30, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JANUARY 30, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591), entitled
2 "An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the
3 Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal
4 Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of
5 preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests
6 of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as
7 public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for
8 county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties,
9 school districts, and townships where such forests are
10 located; and making an appropriation," providing for
11 distribution of timber, wood products and gas and oil ground
12 rentals and royalties.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591),
16 referred to as the Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief
17 Law, is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 3. Twenty percent of all revenues received by a
19 State agency, except the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the
20 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, through the sale of
21 timber and wood products, gas and oil ground rentals and

1 royalties and all other rentals from lands acquired by the
2 Commonwealth for the purposes enumerated in section 1, shall,
3 within thirty days of receipt of the revenue, be paid to the
4 treasurer of the county where the land from which the revenue is
5 generated is located. Within thirty days of receiving the
6 revenue, the county treasurer shall disburse forty percent of
7 the revenue to the school district and thirty percent of the
8 revenue to the municipality in which the revenue was generated.
9 The treasurer shall retain the remaining thirty percent for the
10 benefit of the county.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.