

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MILNE, MILLARD, SAYLOR AND ZIMMERMAN, MAY 22, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 22, 2017

AN ACT

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

32 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

33 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1730-E of the act of April 9, 1929  
2 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended to read:  
3 Section 1730-E. Department of Revenue [(Reserved)].

4 The following shall apply to appropriations for the  
5 Department of Revenue in the General Appropriation Act:

6 (1) The Enhanced Revenue Collection Account within the  
7 General Fund is continued through fiscal year 2019-2020.  
8 Revenues collected and the amount of refunds avoided as a  
9 result of expanded tax return reviews and tax collection  
10 activities shall be deposited into the account. The following  
11 shall apply:

12 (i) Of the funds in the account, for each of the  
13 fiscal years 2016-2017 through 2019-2020, up to  
14 \$25,000,000 is appropriated to the department to fund the  
15 costs associated with increased tax collection  
16 enforcement and reduction in tax refund errors. The  
17 balance of the funds in the account on June 15, 2017, and  
18 each June 15 thereafter, shall be transferred to the  
19 General Fund or another authorized fund.

20 (ii) The department shall issue a report to the  
21 Governor, the chairperson and the minority chairperson of  
22 the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the  
23 chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
24 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives  
25 by June 1, 2017, and by each June 1 thereafter, with the  
26 following information:

27 (A) A detailed breakdown of the department's  
28 administrative costs in implementing the activities  
29 described under this section.

30 (B) The amount of revenue collected and the

1           amount of refunds avoided as a result of the  
2           activities described under this paragraph, including  
3           details of the type of tax generating the revenue and  
4           avoided refunds.

5           (2) (Reserved).

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect June 30, 2017, or  
7 immediately, whichever is later.