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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 25, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), entitled  
2 "An act providing for a commercial downtown enhancement  
3 program to be administered by the Department of Community and  
4 Economic Development," further providing for the duration of  
5 grants.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3(b) of the act of April 23, 2002  
9 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, is amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 3. Program.

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13 (b) Requirements.--The program shall at a minimum include  
14 the following components:

15 (1) Basic grants, for up to five years, and, upon  
16 approval by the department, an additional period of up to  
17 five years, for administrative costs associated with the  
18 hiring of a manager.

19 (2) Downtown reinvestment grants for infrastructure and

1 structural improvements within the established commercial  
2 downtown, including streets, streetlights, trees, housing,  
3 commercial and residential facades and sidewalks or other  
4 pedestrian-oriented features.

5 (3) Plans for marketing and promoting the established  
6 commercial downtown within the Main Street area.

7 (3.1) Plans for marketing and promoting residential  
8 opportunities within the Main Street area.

9 (4) Plans to leverage additional private and public  
10 investment in the Main Street area.

11 (5) Plans to address social or economic concerns within  
12 the Main Street area.

13 (6) Plans, to the greatest extent possible, to achieve  
14 consistency with existing revitalization efforts.

15 (7) An assessment of the potential need for the  
16 following components:

17 (i) The establishment of a neighborhood improvement  
18 district as defined in the act of December 20, 2000  
19 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement  
20 District Act.

21 (ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and  
22 zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the  
23 viability of the Main Street area.

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25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.