

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 1940** Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 5, 2017

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the  
3 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the  
4 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the  
5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers  
6 thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal  
7 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating,  
8 reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain  
9 administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining  
10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and  
11 administrative officers, and of the several administrative  
12 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the  
13 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain  
14 other executive and administrative officers; providing for  
15 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of  
16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain  
17 departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial  
18 administration; and prescribing the manner in which the  
19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
21 commissions shall be determined," in Commonwealth budget  
22 procedures, further providing for revenue estimates.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 618(a) of the act of April 9, 1929

1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is  
2 amended to read:

3 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--(a) (1) The Department of  
4 Revenue in conjunction with the Secretary of the Budget shall  
5 make revenue estimates for the use of the Governor in preparing  
6 the budget with periodic revisions until the final estimate is  
7 signed by the Governor not later than the time [he signs] the  
8 general appropriation bill becomes law. The revenue estimates  
9 used [to sign] in conjunction with any appropriation bill shall  
10 show separately State revenues, Federal funds, and, if  
11 specifically appropriated, funds from other sources.

12 (2) [The] If the Governor signs an appropriation bill, the  
13 Governor shall item veto any part [of any appropriation bill]  
14 that causes total appropriations to exceed the official REVENUE <--  
15 estimate plus any unappropriated surplus.

16 (3) If the general appropriation bill becomes law without  
17 the approval of the Governor and the amount appropriated in the  
18 general appropriation bill and other appropriation bills exceeds  
19 the official REVENUE estimate plus any unappropriated surplus, <--  
20 the following shall apply:

21 (i) The Secretary of the Budget shall, no later than the  
22 time that the general appropriation bill becomes law, disapprove  
23 or reduce amounts under section 615 from the departments, boards  
24 and commissions to which section 615 applies which cause the  
25 total appropriations to exceed the official REVENUE estimate <--  
26 plus any unappropriated surplus.

27 (ii) Except as provided under subparagraph (iii), at no time  
28 during a fiscal year when this paragraph applies may the total  
29 amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph be less than  
30 the total amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph at

1 the time the general appropriation bill becomes law.

2 (iii) During a fiscal year in which this subparagraph  
3 applies, if a change in a statute affecting revenues and  
4 receipts is enacted that results in a change in a revenue  
5 estimate, the amounts disapproved or reduced under this  
6 paragraph may be revised to account for the additional revenue.

7 (4) No changes in the [revenue estimates] OFFICIAL REVENUE <--  
8 ESTIMATE shall be made thereafter unless changes in statutes  
9 affecting revenues and receipts are enacted.

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11 Section 2. This act shall apply to general appropriation  
12 acts enacted after the effective date of this act.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.