

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **1159** Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY ARNOLD, BARTOLOTTA AND GORDNER, JUNE 5, 2020

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 5, 2020

AN ACT

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

1 providing for reports to General Assembly.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Section 1706-E of the act of April 9, 1929
5 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
6 adding a subsection to read:

7 Section 1706-E. Reports to General Assembly.

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9 (d) State of emergency.--The General Assembly or a local
10 governmental body or agency may not enact or enforce a law,
11 rule, regulation or ordinance imposing a tax on or relating to
12 the use, disposition, sale, prohibition or restriction of
13 single-use plastics, auxiliary containers, wrappings or
14 polystyrene containers, until December 31, 2021, or 12 months
15 after the termination of the proclamation of disaster emergency
16 issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B.
17 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster
18 emergency, whichever is later.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.