
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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

1 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
2 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
3 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for
4 historically disadvantaged business revitalization.

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

7 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
8 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 135-C. Historically disadvantaged business
10 revitalization.

11 (a) Transfer.--No later than 10 days after the effective
12 date of this section, the sum of \$500,000,000 shall be
13 transferred from the account to the department for distribution
14 through the program to historically disadvantaged businesses.

15 (b) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
16 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
19 Development.

20 "Program." The COVID-19 Relief - Statewide Small Business
21 Assistance Program.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.