
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1717 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY M. BROWN, BERNSTINE, CIRESI, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT,
SMITH, STAATS AND STRUZZI, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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

1 Commonwealth," in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed
2 property, further providing for claim for property paid or
3 delivered.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1301.19 of the act of April 9, 1929
7 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended to read:

8 Section 1301.19. Claim for Property Paid or Delivered.--(a)

9 Any person claiming an interest in any property paid or
10 delivered to the Commonwealth under this article may file a
11 claim thereto or to the proceeds from the sale thereof on the
12 form prescribed by the State Treasurer.

13 (b) Regardless of whether a claim is filed under subsection
14 (a), the State Treasurer may pay or deliver any property paid or
15 delivered to the Commonwealth under this article, or the
16 proceeds from the sale of the property, to a person if the State
17 Treasurer finds that a report filed under section 1301.11
18 identifies the person as the sole owner of the property and the
19 value of the property or proceeds is less than five thousand
20 dollars (\$5,000).

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.