

Veto No. 1990-5

SB 313

November 29, 1990

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 313, Printer's No.321, entitled, "An act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled 'An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto,' authorizing the establishment of boards of health; providing for their powers and duties; and making repeals."

The General Assembly has presented to me for approval two bills which provide for the establishment of boards of health in townships of the second class. Those provisions are contained in Senate Bill 313, Printer's No.321 and House Bill 2353, Printer's No.4327. The provisions in each bill are identical but for a provision in House Bill 2353 which would prohibit township health officers and inspectors from entering upon the performance of duties unless certified as qualified by both the Department of Environmental Resources and the Department of Health and the filing of annual reports with each State agency.

I am electing to veto Senate Bill 313 and approve House Bill 2353, because House Bill 2353 contains other provisions amending the Second Class Township Code which should be enacted into law and because the addition of the Department of Environmental Resources as a certifying agency for township health officers and inspectors will add an important component to the qualification procedure for persons who will be authorized to perform important public functions relating to the health and safety of the citizens of townships of the second class and this Commonwealth.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth herein, I hereby disapprove this bill.

ROBERT P. CASEY