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SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 30, 2016

AN ACT

1 ~~Establishing the Heritage Area Program to identify, protect, <--~~  
2 ~~enhance and promote the historic, recreational, natural,~~  
3 ~~cultural and scenic resources of this Commonwealth and to~~  
4 ~~stimulate community revitalization and economic development~~  
5 ~~through regional heritage conservation, recreation, tourism~~  
6 ~~and partnerships; and repealing provisions in The Fiscal Code~~  
7 ~~relating to heritage areas.~~  
8 AMENDING THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), ENTITLED, <--  
9 AS AMENDED, "AN ACT RELATING TO THE FINANCES OF THE STATE  
10 GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT, ASSESSMENT,  
11 COLLECTION, AND LIEN OF TAXES, BONUS, AND ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS  
12 DUE THE COMMONWEALTH, THE COLLECTION AND RECOVERY OF FEES AND  
13 OTHER MONEY OR PROPERTY DUE OR BELONGING TO THE COMMONWEALTH,  
14 OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, INCLUDING ESCHEATED PROPERTY AND THE  
15 PROCEEDS OF ITS SALE, THE CUSTODY AND DISBURSEMENT OR OTHER  
16 DISPOSITION OF FUNDS AND SECURITIES BELONGING TO OR IN THE  
17 POSSESSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS  
18 AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH, THE RESETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND  
19 APPEALS TO THE COURTS, REFUNDS OF MONEYS ERRONEOUSLY PAID TO  
20 THE COMMONWEALTH, AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
21 AND ALL AGENCIES THEREOF, OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS COLLECTING  
22 MONEYS PAYABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF,  
23 AND ALL RECEIPTS OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH,  
24 AUTHORIZING THE COMMONWEALTH TO ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES  
25 TO DEFRAY CURRENT EXPENSES, IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF  
26 SECTION 7(A) OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
27 PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND RESTRICTING THE INCURRING OF

1 CERTAIN DEBT AND IMPOSING PENALTIES; AFFECTING EVERY  
2 DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, AND OFFICER OF THE STATE  
3 GOVERNMENT, EVERY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND  
4 CERTAIN OFFICERS OF SUCH SUBDIVISIONS, EVERY PERSON,  
5 ASSOCIATION, AND CORPORATION REQUIRED TO PAY, ASSESS, OR  
6 COLLECT TAXES, OR TO MAKE RETURNS OR REPORTS UNDER THE LAWS  
7 IMPOSING TAXES FOR STATE PURPOSES, OR TO PAY LICENSE FEES OR  
8 OTHER MONEYS TO THE COMMONWEALTH, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF,  
9 EVERY STATE DEPOSITORY AND EVERY DEBTOR OR CREDITOR OF THE  
10 COMMONWEALTH," IN HERITAGE AREAS, PROVIDING FOR THE HERITAGE  
11 AREA PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY, PROTECT, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE THE  
12 HISTORIC, RECREATIONAL, NATURAL, CULTURAL AND SCENIC  
13 RESOURCES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND TO STIMULATE COMMUNITY  
14 REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REGIONAL  
15 HERITAGE CONSERVATION, RECREATION, TOURISM AND PARTNERSHIPS;  
16 IN GENERAL BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING FOR FEDERAL AND  
17 COMMONWEALTH USE OF FOREST LAND; AND MAKING A RELATED REPEAL.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 ~~Section 1. Short title.~~ <--

21 ~~This act shall be known and may be cited as the Heritage Area~~  
22 ~~Program Act.~~

23 ~~Section 2. Declaration of policy.~~

24 ~~The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:~~

25 ~~(1) The act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as~~  
26 ~~the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, created the~~  
27 ~~Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and~~  
28 ~~empowered the department to administer State heritage~~  
29 ~~conservation programs, such as the Pennsylvania Heritage~~  
30 ~~Parks Program.~~

31 ~~(2) The Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program consists of~~  
32 ~~heritage areas, which are multicounty regions located in this~~  
33 ~~Commonwealth and designated by gubernatorial action that~~  
34 ~~promotes an appreciation of the history and heritage of the~~  
35 ~~regions.~~

36 ~~(3) Since 1989, heritage areas assist communities in~~  
37 ~~developing, restoring, preserving and conserving nationally,~~  
38 ~~State and locally significant historic, cultural, natural and~~

1 ~~recreational resources through capital and programmatic~~  
2 ~~investments.~~

3 ~~(4) Heritage areas have successfully demonstrated the~~  
4 ~~ability to create public, private and nonprofit investment~~  
5 ~~partnerships leveraging significant investments for every~~  
6 ~~dollar of Commonwealth funds.~~

7 ~~(5) Heritage areas are a key catalyst in regions of this~~  
8 ~~Commonwealth for economic growth and community development~~  
9 ~~strategies and investments resulting in tourism promotion,~~  
10 ~~small business development and the creation of jobs.~~

11 ~~(6) The Commonwealth's program has long been recognized,~~  
12 ~~studied and replicated by other states and the National Park~~  
13 ~~Service as a model for successful heritage and community~~  
14 ~~conservation and development.~~

15 ~~(7) Due to the success of the program, a targeted effort~~  
16 ~~should be made to promote this Commonwealth's heritage areas~~  
17 ~~by providing dedicated funding.~~

18 ~~Section 3. Definitions.~~

19 ~~The following words and phrases when used in this act shall~~  
20 ~~have the meanings given to them in this section unless the~~  
21 ~~context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

22 ~~"Department." The Department of Conservation and Natural~~  
23 ~~Resources of the Commonwealth.~~

24 ~~"Heritage area." A Commonwealth designated region, managed~~  
25 ~~by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity, which~~  
26 ~~conserves nationally and State significant landscapes and~~  
27 ~~develops, protects, interprets and promotes its historic,~~  
28 ~~cultural, natural and recreational resources to stimulate~~  
29 ~~economic and community development.~~

30 ~~"Program." The Heritage Area Program.~~

1       ~~"Secretary." The Secretary of the Department of Conservation~~  
2 ~~and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth.~~

3 ~~Section 4. Heritage Area Program.~~

4       ~~(a) Establishment. The Heritage Area Program is established~~  
5 ~~within the department to identify, protect, develop, enhance and~~  
6 ~~promote the historic, recreational, natural, cultural and scenic~~  
7 ~~resources of this Commonwealth and to stimulate community~~  
8 ~~revitalization and economic development through regional~~  
9 ~~heritage conservation, recreation, tourism and partnerships.~~

10       ~~(b) Administration.~~

11           ~~(1) The department shall adopt program guidelines and~~  
12 ~~policies for the implementation and administration of the~~  
13 ~~program.~~

14           ~~(2) The department shall consult with the heritage areas~~  
15 ~~on an annual basis to discuss program goals, guidelines and~~  
16 ~~policies.~~

17       ~~(c) Funding. The department shall, under subsection (f),~~  
18 ~~allocate funds appropriated to the department to the program for~~  
19 ~~the following purposes:~~

20           ~~(1) Management, administration, operation and marketing~~  
21 ~~of heritage areas.~~

22           ~~(2) Planning, implementation, technical assistance and~~  
23 ~~educational projects and programs related to heritage areas.~~

24           ~~(3) Development, construction, rehabilitation, repair,~~  
25 ~~acquisition, preservation and enhancement of lands, buildings~~  
26 ~~and other structures related to heritage areas.~~

27           ~~(4) Protection, documentation, interpretation and~~  
28 ~~promotion of the cultural, natural, scenic, recreational and~~  
29 ~~historic resources of heritage areas.~~

30           ~~(5) Establishment of partnerships and coalitions of~~

1 ~~governmental and nongovernmental agencies and organizations~~  
2 ~~to assist heritage areas with the implementation of~~  
3 ~~management action plans.~~

4 ~~(6) Any other activities deemed appropriate by the~~  
5 ~~department.~~

6 ~~(d) Use. A heritage area may use the funding allocated by~~  
7 ~~the department for the program to provide a grant to another~~  
8 ~~entity and organization, including a county, municipality,~~  
9 ~~authority, nonprofit organization, other authorized~~  
10 ~~organization, private sector firm and business, if the purpose~~  
11 ~~of the grant meets the requirements of subsection (c).~~

12 ~~(e) Eligibility. In addition to any other funding provided~~  
13 ~~to a heritage area, a heritage area shall be eligible to apply~~  
14 ~~for a grant and loan program administered by the department or~~  
15 ~~other Federal or State agency or entity.~~

16 ~~(f) Amount.—~~

17 ~~(1) The department shall distribute funds to the program~~  
18 ~~based on established program goals, guidelines and policies.~~

19 ~~(2) The department shall allocate all funds appropriated~~  
20 ~~annually for the program and each State designated heritage~~  
21 ~~area shall receive a minimum amount established by the~~  
22 ~~program goals, guidelines and policies.~~

23 ~~(g) Administrative use. The department may use no more than~~  
24 ~~5% of the funding appropriated annually for the program for~~  
25 ~~administrative expenses, including the development of a~~  
26 ~~strategic plan or other appropriate initiative related to the~~  
27 ~~administration of the program.~~

28 ~~Section 5. Repeal and continuation.~~

29 ~~(a) Repeal. Repeals are as follows:~~

30 ~~(1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under~~

1 ~~paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate this act.~~

2 ~~(2) Article XVI J of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,~~  
3 ~~No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is repealed.~~

4 ~~(b) Continuation. This act is a continuation of Article~~  
5 ~~XVI J of The Fiscal Code. Except as otherwise provided in this~~  
6 ~~act, all activities initiated under Article XVI J of The Fiscal~~  
7 ~~Code shall continue and remain in full force and effect and may~~  
8 ~~be completed under this act. Orders, regulations, rules and~~  
9 ~~decisions which were made under Article XVI J of The Fiscal Code~~  
10 ~~and which are in effect on the effective date of subsection (a)~~  
11 ~~(2) shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, vacated~~  
12 ~~or modified under this act. Contracts, obligations and~~  
13 ~~collective bargaining agreements entered into under Article XVI~~  
14 ~~J of The Fiscal Code are not affected nor impaired by the repeal~~  
15 ~~of Article XVI J of The Fiscal Code.~~

16 ~~Section 6. Effective date.~~

17 ~~This act shall take effect immediately.~~

18 SECTION 1. SECTION 1601-J OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 <--  
19 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, ADDED JULY 6, 2010  
20 (P.L.279, NO.46), IS AMENDED TO READ:

21 SECTION 1601-J. [PROGRAM.

22 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED  
23 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
24 IDENTIFY, PROTECT, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE THE HISTORIC,  
25 RECREATIONAL, NATURAL, CULTURAL AND SCENIC RESOURCES OF THIS  
26 COMMONWEALTH.

27 (B) ADMINISTRATION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES  
28 AND POLICIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
29 PROGRAM.

30 (C) FUNDING.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOCATE FUNDS APPROPRIATED

1 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR GRANTS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS WITHIN  
2 HERITAGE AREAS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION.] SCOPE  
3 OF ARTICLE.

4 THIS ARTICLE RELATES TO THE HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM.

5 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

6 SECTION 1602-J. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

7 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

8 (1) THE ACT OF JUNE 28, 1995 (P.L.89, NO.18), KNOWN AS  
9 THE CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES ACT, CREATED THE  
10 DEPARTMENT AND EMPOWERED THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER STATE  
11 HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE PENNSYLVANIA  
12 HERITAGE PARKS PROGRAM.

13 (2) THE PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE PARKS PROGRAM CONSISTS OF  
14 HERITAGE AREAS, WHICH ARE MULTICOUNTY REGIONS LOCATED IN THIS  
15 COMMONWEALTH AND DESIGNATED BY GUBERNATORIAL ACTION THAT  
16 PROMOTES AN APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE  
17 REGIONS.

18 (3) SINCE 1989, HERITAGE AREAS ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN  
19 DEVELOPING, RESTORING, PRESERVING AND CONSERVING NATIONALLY,  
20 STATE AND LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC, CULTURAL, NATURAL AND  
21 RECREATIONAL RESOURCES THROUGH CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC  
22 INVESTMENTS.

23 (4) HERITAGE AREAS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED THE  
24 ABILITY TO CREATE PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT INVESTMENT  
25 PARTNERSHIPS LEVERAGING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS FOR EVERY  
26 DOLLAR OF COMMONWEALTH FUNDS.

27 (5) HERITAGE AREAS ARE A KEY CATALYST IN REGIONS OF THIS  
28 COMMONWEALTH FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
29 STRATEGIES AND INVESTMENTS RESULTING IN TOURISM PROMOTION,  
30 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND THE CREATION OF JOBS.

1           (6) THE COMMONWEALTH'S PROGRAM HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED,  
2           STUDIED AND REPLICATED BY OTHER STATES AND THE NATIONAL PARK  
3           SERVICE AS A MODEL FOR SUCCESSFUL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY  
4           CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

5           (7) DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM, A TARGETED EFFORT  
6           SHOULD BE MADE TO PROMOTE THIS COMMONWEALTH'S HERITAGE AREAS  
7           BY PROVIDING DEDICATED FUNDING.

8 SECTION 1603-J. DEFINITIONS.

9           THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE  
10          SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
11          CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

12          "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL  
13          RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

14          "HERITAGE AREA." A COMMONWEALTH-DESIGNATED REGION, MANAGED  
15          BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, WHICH  
16          CONSERVES NATIONALLY AND STATE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPES AND  
17          DEVELOPS, PROTECTS, INTERPRETS AND PROMOTES ITS HISTORIC,  
18          CULTURAL, NATURAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES TO STIMULATE  
19          ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

20          "PROGRAM." THE HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM.

21          "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
22          AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

23 SECTION 1604-J. HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM.

24          (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED  
25          WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY, PROTECT, DEVELOP, ENHANCE AND  
26          PROMOTE THE HISTORIC, RECREATIONAL, NATURAL, CULTURAL AND SCENIC  
27          RESOURCES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND TO STIMULATE COMMUNITY  
28          REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REGIONAL  
29          HERITAGE CONSERVATION, RECREATION, TOURISM AND PARTNERSHIPS.

30          (B) ADMINISTRATION.--



1           (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND  
2 POLICIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
3 PROGRAM.

4           (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE HERITAGE AREAS  
5 ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO DISCUSS PROGRAM GOALS, GUIDELINES AND  
6 POLICIES.

7           (C) FUNDING.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, UNDER SUBSECTION (F),  
8 ALLOCATE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO THE PROGRAM FOR  
9 THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

10           (1) MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION AND MARKETING  
11 OF HERITAGE AREAS.

12           (2) PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND  
13 EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO HERITAGE AREAS.

14           (3) DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR,  
15 ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LANDS, BUILDINGS  
16 AND OTHER STRUCTURES RELATED TO HERITAGE AREAS.

17           (4) PROTECTION, DOCUMENTATION, INTERPRETATION AND  
18 PROMOTION OF THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, SCENIC, RECREATIONAL AND  
19 HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HERITAGE AREAS.

20           (5) ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS OF  
21 GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
22 TO ASSIST HERITAGE AREAS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
23 MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS.

24           (6) ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE  
25 DEPARTMENT.

26           (D) USE.--A HERITAGE AREA MAY USE THE FUNDING ALLOCATED BY  
27 THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO ANOTHER  
28 ENTITY AND ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY,  
29 AUTHORITY, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OTHER AUTHORIZED  
30 ORGANIZATION, PRIVATE SECTOR FIRM AND BUSINESS, IF THE PURPOSE

1 OF THE GRANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C).

2 (E) ELIGIBILITY.--IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FUNDING PROVIDED  
3 TO A HERITAGE AREA, A HERITAGE AREA SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY  
4 FOR A GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
5 OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCY OR ENTITY.

6 (F) AMOUNT.--

7 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM  
8 BASED ON ESTABLISHED PROGRAM GOALS, GUIDELINES AND POLICIES.

9 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
10 ANNUALLY FOR THE PROGRAM AND EACH STATE-DESIGNATED HERITAGE  
11 AREA SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY THE  
12 PROGRAM GOALS, GUIDELINES AND POLICIES.

13 (G) ADMINISTRATIVE USE.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE NO MORE THAN  
14 5% OF THE FUNDING APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY FOR THE PROGRAM FOR  
15 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
16 STRATEGIC PLAN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INITIATIVE RELATED TO THE  
17 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

18 SECTION 1798.1-E. FEDERAL AND COMMONWEALTH USE OF FOREST LAND.

19 (A) SCOPE.--THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING:

20 (1) REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR FOREST RESERVES BY:

21 (I) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; OR

22 (II) THE COMMONWEALTH.

23 (2) TAX-EXEMPT REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL  
24 GOVERNMENT OR BY THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
25 PRESERVING, PERPETUATING AND MAINTAINING ANY PORTION OF THE  
26 ORIGINAL FORESTS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS PUBLIC PLACES AND  
27 PARKS.

28 (3) REAL PROPERTY:

29 (I) WHICH IS ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
30 CONSERVATION OF WATER OR THE PREVENTION OF FLOOD

1           CONDITIONS; AND

2           (II) UPON WHICH THERE IS AN IMPOSED TAX PAYABLE BY  
3           THE COMMONWEALTH.

4           (B) CHARGE.--

5           (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C), REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
6           SUBSECTION (A) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL  
7           CHARGES:

8           (I) FOR LAND OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
9           AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

10           (A) \$2.00 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF EACH  
11           COUNTY WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED;

12           (B) \$2.00 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
13           SCHOOLS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE REAL  
14           PROPERTY IS LOCATED; AND

15           (C) \$2.00 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
16           TOWNSHIP WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

17           (II) FOR LAND OWNED BY THE THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME  
18           COMMISSION OR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:

19           (A) \$1.20 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF EACH  
20           COUNTY WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED;

21           (B) \$1.20 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
22           SCHOOLS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE REAL  
23           PROPERTY IS LOCATED; AND

24           (C) \$1.20 PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
25           TOWNSHIP WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

26           (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F), THE CHARGE UNDER  
27           PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL BE PAYABLE BY THE COMMONWEALTH BEFORE  
28           SEPTEMBER 2.

29           (C) DURATION.--

30           (1) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (2), THE ANNUAL

1 CHARGE PAYABLE BY THE COMMONWEALTH ON REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
2 SUBSECTION (A) (1) (I) SHALL CONTINUE ONLY UNTIL THE RECEIPT OF  
3 MONEY BY TREASURERS AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS OF THE POLITICAL  
4 SUBDIVISIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
5 ACT OF APRIL 27, 1925 (P.L.324, NO.185), ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR  
6 THE DISTRIBUTION BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTIES TO  
7 TOWNSHIPS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF MONEYS RECEIVED FROM THE  
8 UNITED STATES FROM FOREST RESERVES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH,"  
9 EQUALS OR EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE COMMONWEALTH IN LIEU  
10 OF TAXES.

11 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO:

12 (I) THE ANNUAL CHARGE PER ACRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
13 THE COUNTY WHERE REAL PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) (I)  
14 IS LOCATED FOR 1953, 1954, 1955 AND 1956; AND

15 (II) \$0.025 OF THE ANNUAL CHARGE PER ACRE FOR THE  
16 BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
17 SUBSECTION (A) (1) (I) IS LOCATED FOR EACH YEAR AFTER 1956.

18 (3) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY THE CHARGES EXEMPTED  
19 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2).

20 (D) CERTIFICATION.--UPON APPLICATION OF THE TREASURER OR  
21 TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, THE SECRETARY OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL  
22 RESOURCES SHALL CERTIFY TO THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES, SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICTS AND TOWNSHIPS WHERE REAL PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (A)  
24 IS LOCATED AND TO THE STATE TREASURER:

25 (1) THE NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
26 AND BY THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; AND

27 (2) THE CHARGE AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY.

28 (E) PAYMENT.--THE STATE TREASURER SHALL PAY TO POLITICAL  
29 SUBDIVISIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (D) THE AMOUNT DUE UNDER  
30 SUBSECTION (B) UPON:

1           (1) REQUISITION OF THE SECRETARY OF CONSERVATION AND  
2           NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

3           (2) APPLICATION BY THE APPROPRIATE TREASURER OR TOWNSHIP  
4           SUPERVISORS.

5           (F) SOURCE OF PAYMENT.--FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE  
6           DEPARTMENT, THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION OR THE PENNSYLVANIA  
7           FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION, OF THE CHARGE PER ACRE UNDER  
8           SUBSECTION (B):

9                   (1) \$2.40 SHALL BE PAID FROM MONEY AVAILABLE UNDER 4  
10                   PA.C.S. § 1403 (RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE GAMING  
11                   FUND AND NET SLOT MACHINE REVENUE DISTRIBUTION); AND

12                   (2) THE REMAINDER SHALL BE PAID BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
13                   AGENCY WHICH OWNS THE PROPERTY.

14           SECTION 3. REPEALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

15                   (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE REPEAL UNDER  
16                   PARAGRAPH (2) IS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ADDITION OF  
17                   SECTION 1798.1-E OF THE ACT.

18                   (2) THE ACT OF MAY 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, NO.591), REFERRED  
19                   TO AS THE FOREST RESERVES MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RELIEF LAW, IS  
20                   REPEALED.

21           SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

22                   (1) THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1,  
23                   2017:

24                           (I) THE ADDITION OF 1798.1-E OF THE ACT.

25                           (II) SECTION 3(2) OF THIS ACT.

26                   (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
27                   IMMEDIATELY.