

No. 92

AN ACT

SB 300

Amending the act of July 6, 1961 (P. L. 515), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the Governor to provide for disaster relief under certain circumstances; authorizing him to transfer certain funds to a special account in the General Fund for that purpose, and making an appropriation," further defining emergencies and disasters and providing more direct authority for the use and transfer of funds to be expended in disaster relief and to meet emergency conditions.

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

Section 1. The title and sections 1, 2 and 3, act of July 6, 1961 (P. L. 515), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the Governor to provide for disaster relief under certain circumstances; authorizing him to transfer certain funds to a special account in the General Fund for that purpose, and making an appropriation," amended or added August 14, 1963 (P. L. 836), are amended to read:

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Authorizing the Governor to provide for disaster *and emergency* relief under certain circumstances; authorizing him to transfer certain funds **[to a special account]** in the General Fund for **[that purpose]** *these purposes*, and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Whenever **[during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly,]** the Governor finds as a fact that a natural disaster *or civil disorder* threatens or has occurred and that conditions of extreme emergency exist in all or a part or parts of Pennsylvania, he shall have power to transfer any unused funds which may have been appropriated for the ordinary expenses of the government **[to a special account]** in the General Fund **[for disaster relief]** *to such State agencies as he may direct* to be expended *for relief of disaster or civil disorder* in such manner as the Governor shall approve, and such funds are hereby appropriated to the **[State Council of Civil Defense]** *Governor* for such purposes. The total of such transfers shall never exceed **[five million dollars (\$5,000,000)]** *one million dollars (\$1,000,000)* in any one year *except by action of the General Assembly.*

Section 2. As used in this act, conditions of extreme emergency shall mean those conditions which may by investigation made, be found, actually or likely, to (i) affect seriously the safety, health or welfare of a substantial number of citizens of the Commonwealth or preclude the operation or use of essential public facilities; (ii) be of such magnitude or severity as to render essential State supplementation of county and local efforts or resources exerted or utilized in alleviating the danger, damage,

suffering or hardship faced; and (iii) have been caused by forces beyond the control of man, *by reason of civil disorder, riot or disturbance*, or by factors not foreseen and not known to exist when appropriation bills were enacted.

Section 3. No funds shall be transferred or expended under authority contained in this act unless the Governor, based on investigation made, shall officially have proclaimed that conditions of extreme emergency exist throughout the State or in one or more political subdivisions thereof [as authorized under section 7 of the act of March 19, 1951 (P. L. 28), as amended, known as the "State Council of Civil Defense Act of 1951"]. Such conditions shall be deemed to continue to exist [only] until such time as the Governor shall officially have proclaimed that they have ceased to exist.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of August, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 92.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Kelley".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.