

No. 1996-1 (SS2)

AN ACT

SB 2

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, increasing the amount of unexpended Commonwealth appropriations available for transfer for disaster assistance; and further providing for special powers of local agencies.

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

Section 1. Sections 7307 and 7705(c) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 7307. Use and appropriation of unused Commonwealth funds.

Whenever the Governor has declared a disaster emergency, he may transfer any unused funds which may have been appropriated for the ordinary expenses of the Commonwealth Government in the General Fund to such Commonwealth agencies as the Governor may direct to be expended for relief of disaster in such manner as the Governor shall approve, and the funds are hereby appropriated to the Governor for such purposes. The total of such transfers shall not exceed ~~[\$5,000,000]~~ **\$10,000,000** in any one year except by action of the General Assembly.

§ 7705. Special powers of local agencies.

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(c) Reimbursement.—Whenever the Governor shall have proclaimed a disaster emergency under section 7301(c), he shall have power to transfer any unused funds which may have been appropriated for the ordinary expenses of government in the General Fund to such Commonwealth agencies as he may direct to be expended for reimbursements as provided in subsections (a) and (b). Such reimbursements shall be made in accordance with and to the extent permitted by regulations issued by such agency or agencies as the Governor may designate to administer the reimbursement programs established by subsections (a) and (b). The total of such transfers shall never exceed ~~[\$1,000,000]~~ **\$2,000,000** in any one year except by action of the General Assembly.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of May, A.D. 1996.

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