

No. 1995-1A

AN ACT

SB 933

Appropriating money from the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of Commerce for various projects throughout this Commonwealth for fiscal year 1995-1996.

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

Section 1. The sums set forth in this act, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from the Sunny Day Fund to the Department of Commerce for fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996, for the projects listed to enhance economic development and the creation of jobs in this Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of the act of July 1, 1985 (P.L.120, No.32), known as the Sunny Day Fund Act.

Section 2. The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Commerce to induce companies to locate large industrial, manufacturing or research and development enterprises within this Commonwealth:

(1) For the purpose of making a loan, either directly or through an industrial development agency as defined in section 3 of the act of May 17, 1956 (1955 P.L.1609, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act, to Bush Industries, Inc., to construct a new distribution and manufacturing facility in Erie County. It is estimated that this project will create 300 new jobs within three years of operation.

\$2,000,000

(2) For the purpose of making a loan, either directly or through an industrial development agency as defined in section 3 of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act, to Berg Electronics, Inc., to construct a manufacturing facility in Huntingdon County. It is estimated that this project will create 500 new jobs within three years of operation.

State appropriation

7,000,000

Section 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriations in section 2 shall be loaned at an annual interest rate that in no case shall be less than the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority's rate for the area in which the project is located and for a term that shall be the same as the term for an equivalent Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority project. Private companies which receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to make the investment in the enterprise development as specified in section 2 shall be liable for the repayment of all Sunny Day Fund moneys, including any accrued interest thereon and any penalties set by the Secretary of Commerce. Private companies which receive Sunny Day Fund assistance but fail to create the number of jobs specified in the approved loan or other agreements with the Commonwealth shall be liable for a penalty equal to an increase in the interest charged to 2% greater than the current prime interest rate for the remainder of the loan unless the penalty is waived by the Secretary of Commerce because the failure is due to circumstances outside of the control of the private company. The Secretary of Commerce shall consult with the chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives prior to the establishment of waiver of penalties.

Section 4. For a period equal to the term of assistance provided each project approved under this act, the Department of Commerce shall provide a written report on the status of each project to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives by June 30 of each year. This report shall contain, at a minimum, information pertaining to the specific use of the Sunny Day Fund money, the interest rate and term of the Sunny Day Fund loan, the amount of principal outstanding and interest due on the loan and the number of jobs created by the project. All recipients of funds under this act shall be required to provide any and all information required by the Department of Commerce for the purpose of this act.

Section 5. No funds under this act shall be awarded by the Department of Commerce after June 30, 1997. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unexpended or unencumbered on June 30, 1997, shall automatically lapse into the Sunny Day Fund.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 13th day of June, A.D. 1995.

THOMAS J. RIDGE

No. 1995-2A

AN ACT

SB 754

Making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

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

Section 1. The sum of \$3,837,000 is hereby appropriated from the restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General to provide for the operation of that office for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 26th day of June, A.D. 1995.

THOMAS J. RIDGE

No. 1995-3A

AN ACT

SB 859

Making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

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

Section 1. The sum of \$24,406,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the payment of all salaries, wages and other compensation and travel expenses of the employees and members of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, for contractual services and other expenses necessary for the proper conduct of the duties, functions and activities of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 26th day of June, A.D. 1995.

THOMAS J. RIDGE

No. 1995-4A

AN ACT

SB 862

Making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

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

Section 1. The sum of \$15,223,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account within the General Fund to the Department of State for the operation of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, including the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

Section 2. (a) The sum of \$2,348,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted receipts account of the State Board of Medicine, as authorized by section 907(a) of the act of October 15, 1975 (P.L.390, No.111), known as the Health Care Services Malpractice Act, for the operation of the board for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

(b) The sum of \$482,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted receipts account of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, as authorized by section 907(b) of the Health Care Services Malpractice Act, for the operation of the board for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

(c) The sum of \$149,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted receipts account of the State Board of Podiatry, as authorized by section 907(c) of the Health Care Services Malpractice Act, for the operation of said board for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

(d) The sum of \$213,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Athletic Commission Augmentation Account for the State Athletic Commission, as authorized by 5 Pa.C.S. § 1512 (relating to Athletic Commission Augmentation Account), for the support and operation of the commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996.

(e) Each appropriation listed in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall not be treated as an augmentation to the Department of State, general government appropriation or any other appropriation but shall be treated and accounted for as separate appropriations respectively.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 26th day of June, A.D. 1995.

THOMAS J. RIDGE