

No. 1996-5 (SS2)

AN ACT

SB 4

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the Governor to enter into cooperative agreements for grants for hazard mitigation.

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

Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 7305.1. Grants for hazard mitigation.

(a) Commonwealth participation in hazard mitigation funding; agreements.—Whenever the President authorizes the contribution of up to 75% of the cost of hazard mitigation measures to reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss or suffering in any area affected by a major disaster pursuant to The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, 88 Stat. 143), the Governor is authorized, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government or any Federal agency or officer pledging the Commonwealth to participate in the funding of the mitigation project.

(b) Special Session disaster relief acts.—Projects which are itemized under Chapter 3¹ of the act of July 11, 1996 (2nd Sp.Sess., P.L.1791, No.8), known as the Special Session Flood Control and Hazard Mitigation Itemization Act of 1996, and the act of July 11, 1996 (2nd Sp.Sess., P.L.1826, No.9), known as the Special Session Flood Relief Act, are deemed to be hazard mitigation projects for the purposes of hazard mitigation funding to the extent that such projects qualify under The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, 88 Stat. 143).

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of July, A.D. 1996.

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¹section 3" in enrolled bill.