

No. 1997-1A

AN ACT

HB 850

Making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Section 1. The sum of \$905,000 is hereby appropriated from the restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the operation of that office for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 25th day of April, A.D. 1997.

THOMAS J. RIDGE

No. 1997-2A

AN ACT

HB 853

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 \$15,135,000, 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

Section 2. (a) The sum of \$2,851,000, 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

(b) The sum of \$428,000, 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

(c) The sum of \$143,000, 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

(d) The sum of \$282,000, 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

(e) The sum of \$300,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account as a loan to the State Board of Medicine for the payment of costs to maintain

current operation of the board. This amount shall be repaid by the State Board of Medicine within two years of the effective date of this act.

(f) Each appropriation listed in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) 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, 1997, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 25th day of April, A.D. 1997.

THOMAS J. RIDGE

No. 1997-3A

AN ACT

HB 855

Making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

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

Section 1. The sum of \$42,941,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry for the payment of all salaries, wages and other compensation and travel expenses, for contractual services and other expenses necessary for the administration of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, and the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Section 2. The sum of \$192,000 is hereby appropriated from the restricted revenue account within the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development as provided in the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, for the operation of the Office of Small Business Advocate.

Section 3. The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the surplus of the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry for the operating expenses of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED—The 25th day of April, A.D. 1997.

THOMAS J. RIDGE