

No. 2002-165

AN ACT

HB 1696

Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts," further providing for transfer of funds for purposes of State forests.

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

Section 1. Section 319(c) of the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is amended to read:
Section 319. Transfer of funds.

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(c) State forests.—

(1) A minimum of 10% of the previous fiscal year's receipts of the Forestry Stumpage Sales Restricted Receipts Account shall be transferred to a separate Forest Regeneration Restricted Revenue Account and is hereby appropriated to the department, in addition to the funds necessary for the operation, maintenance and administration of the State forest system, to expend on forest regeneration activities, including, but not limited to, erecting deer fences, planting trees and treating forests with herbicides. Any balance in the Forest Regeneration Restricted Revenue Account in excess of 5% of the previous year's receipts at the end of the fiscal year shall be returned to the Forestry Stumpage Sales Restricted Receipts Account.

(2) *Not more than 5% of the previous fiscal year's receipts of the Forestry Stumpage Sales Restricted Receipts Account shall be used by the department for the purposes of providing contracts for forestry research.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A.D. 2002.

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