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AND BIZZARRO, MAY 23, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 23, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State  
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,  
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts  
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and  
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,  
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the  
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other  
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the  
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims  
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and  
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to  
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth  
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting  
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,  
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes  
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of  
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of  
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of  
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every  
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State  
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and  
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,  
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or  
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws  
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or  
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
30 Commonwealth," in general budget implementation, providing  
31 for appropriations during budget impasse.

32 This act shall be referred to as the Budget Continuation Act.

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

3 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known  
4 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a subarticle to read:

5 SUBARTICLE G

6 BUDGET CONTINUATION

7 Section 1799.10-E. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this subarticle  
9 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Budget impasse." A period when the Commonwealth has not  
12 enacted a general appropriation act for the fiscal year, which  
13 has been passed by the General Assembly and signed by the  
14 Governor, on or before July 1 for that fiscal year.

15 Section 1799.11-E. Appropriations during budget impasse.

16 (a) Appropriations.--Unless prohibited by Federal law and  
17 except as provided under subsection (b), during a budget  
18 impasse, the same amount of money appropriated for a line item  
19 in the general appropriation act for the prior fiscal year shall  
20 be appropriated for the current fiscal year.

21 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not  
22 apply to the following:

23 (1) Appropriations for any of the following:

24 (i) The Office of the Governor.

25 (ii) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

26 (iii) The Senate.

27 (iv) The House of Representatives.

28 (2) Appropriations, other than those specified under  
29 subsection (a), enacted for the current fiscal year.

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