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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in incurring debt and issuing bonds  
3 and notes, providing for emergency tax anticipation notes.

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

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 8121.1. Emergency tax anticipation notes.

9 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds and  
10 declares that the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by  
11 the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March  
12 21, 2020), and the resulting global pandemic from COVID-19, has  
13 had an unexpected and sudden effect on the citizens, governments  
14 and businesses of the Commonwealth, including a material  
15 negative effect on the revenues of many local government units.

16 (b) Emergency borrowing authorized.--Notwithstanding any  
17 other provision of this title or law, a local government unit  
18 may borrow money under section 8121 (relating to power to issue

1 tax anticipation notes) with the following additional terms:

2 (1) For the purposes of this subsection, the governing  
3 body's anticipation of current taxes or current revenues may  
4 include an anticipation that the taxes levied or revenues  
5 receivable may not be received, in full or in part, until  
6 after the end of the current fiscal year due to the extension  
7 of tax filing deadlines, administrative break-down during the  
8 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on  
9 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020),  
10 and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency,  
11 unexpected severe economic contraction or the inability to  
12 timely enforce collection due to the proclamation of disaster  
13 emergency.

14 (2) In addition to the other requirements under this  
15 subchapter, a governing body shall establish a maturity date  
16 for a tax anticipation note issued under this subsection  
17 which shall not be later than the last day of the following  
18 fiscal year of the local government which ends not less than  
19 15 months nor more than 26 months following the effective  
20 date of this subsection.

21 (c) Expiration.--No local government unit may borrow money  
22 under the authorization of this section after December 31, 2021.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.