THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 31

Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, VOGEL, FONTANA, MUTH, GORDNER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, YAW, ARGALL, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, A. WILLIAMS, BLAKE, LEACH, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA AND KILLION, APRIL 25, 2019

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, APRIL 25, 2019

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), 1 entitled "An act to promote the health, safety and welfare of 2 the people of the Commonwealth by broadening the market for housing for persons and families of low and moderate income 4 and alleviating shortages thereof, and by assisting in the 5 provision of housing for elderly persons through the creation 6 of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency as a public 7 corporation and government instrumentality; providing for the organization, membership and administration of the agency, 9 prescribing its general powers and duties and the manner in 10 which its funds are kept and audited, empowering the agency 11 to make housing loans to qualified mortgagors upon the 12 13 security of insured and uninsured mortgages, defining qualified mortgagors and providing for priorities among 14 tenants in certain instances, prescribing interest rates and 15 other terms of housing loans, permitting the agency to 16 acquire real or personal property, permitting the agency to 17 18 make agreements with financial institutions and Federal agencies, providing for the purchase by persons of low and 19 moderate income of housing units, and approving the sale of 20 21 housing units, permitting the agency to sell housing loans, 22 providing for the promulgation of regulations and forms by the agency, prescribing penalties for furnishing false 23 information, empowering the agency to borrow money upon its 24 own credit by the issuance and sale of bonds and notes and by 25 giving security therefor, permitting the refunding, 26 redemption and purchase of such obligations by the agency, 27 prescribing remedies of holders of such bonds and notes, 28 exempting bonds and notes of the agency, the income 29 therefrom, and the income and revenues of the agency from 30 taxation, except transfer, death and gift taxes; making such 31 bonds and notes legal investments for certain purposes; and 32

- indicating how the act shall become effective," in
- 2 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation
- 3 Enhancement Program, further providing for fund.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 406-D(c)(1) of the act of December 3,
- 7 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency
- 8 Law, is amended to read:
- 9 Section 406-D. Fund.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (c) Interfund transfers.--
- 12 (1) Beginning July 31, 2015, and each July 31
 13 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall transfer from the
- General Fund to the fund an amount equal to [the lesser of:
- 15 (i)] forty (40) percent of the difference between:
- [(A)] $\underline{\text{(i)}}$ the total dollar amount of the tax
- imposed under section 1102-C of the act of March 4,
- 18 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of
- 19 1971, and collected by the Commonwealth for the prior
- fiscal year; and
- 21 [(B)] <u>(ii)</u> the total dollar amount of such tax
- 22 estimated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014,
- and as contained in the final estimate signed by the
- Governor for that fiscal year as required by section
- 25 618 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
- known as The Administrative Code of 1929[; or
- (ii) twenty-five million (\$25,000,000) dollars].
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- 29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.