

No. 1995-4

AN ACT

SB 12

Providing grants for conducting assessments of industrial sites; establishing a fund; providing for funding; and imposing duties upon the Department of Commerce.

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

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Act.

Section 2. Grants for conducting environmental assessments of industrial sites.

(a) Authorization.—The Department of Commerce shall make grants to all of the following:

(1) Municipalities, municipal or other local authorities, nonprofit economic development agencies and similar agencies to conduct environmental assessments of industrial sites located in municipalities which have been designated by the Department of Commerce as distressed communities under the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.520, No.105), known as the Business Infrastructure Development Act.

(2) Cities of the first class, second class, second class A and third class to conduct environmental assessment and remediation of industrial sites on which industrial activity was conducted prior to the effective date of this act.

(b) Source.—Grants shall be made from the Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund.

Section 3. Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund.

There is hereby established within the State Treasury a special nonlapsing fund which shall be known as the Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Commerce to carry out the purposes of this act. Moneys in the fund are appropriated, upon the approval of the Governor, for the purposes of this act.

Section 4. Continuing appropriation.

Upon approval of the Governor, up to \$2,000,000 shall be transferred annually by the State Treasurer from the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund to the Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund.

Section 5. Regulations.

The Department of Commerce shall promulgate regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this act.

Section 6. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 19th day of May, A.D. 1995.

THOMAS J. RIDGE