

No. 120

## AN ACT

HB 2178

Amending the act of January 19, 1968 (1967 P.L.996, No.443), entitled "An act authorizing the creation of indebtedness of five hundred million dollars for the conservation and reclamation of land and water resources; defining the powers and duties of certain offices, agencies and political subdivisions; providing for the allotment of proceeds hereunder including Commonwealth grants; prescribing standards and making appropriations," redesignating funds for stream pollution from mine damage to prevention of surface subsidence and extinguishment of mine fires.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of clause (1) of subsection (a) of section 16, act of January 19, 1968 (1967 P.L.996, No.443), known as "The Land and Water Conservation and Reclamation Act," amended July 12, 1972 (P.L.857, No.193), is amended to read:

Section 16. Allotment of Moneys.—(a) The moneys received by the Commonwealth from the issuance and sale of bonds and notes pursuant to this act when appropriated by the General Assembly from the development fund shall be allotted for the following specific purposes:

(1) To the Department of Environmental Resources the sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for the elimination of land and water scars created by past [coal] mining practices, [**one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000)**] *one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000)* of which shall be used for the prevention, control and elimination of stream pollution from mine drainage and may include the restoration of abandoned strip mine areas, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) of which shall be used for the prevention, control and elimination of air pollution from abandoned burning coal refuse banks provided such land and bank material is publicly owned, and [**thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000)**] *forty million dollars (\$40,000,000)* of which shall be used for the prevention of surface subsidence above abandoned mine operations, for the control and extinguishment of surface and underground fires from abandoned mines and for administration expenses attendant thereto.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1976.

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