

No. 1984-63

AN ACT

SB 447

Amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), entitled "An act providing for the regulation of land and water use for flood control and storm water management purposes, imposing duties and conferring powers on the Department of Environmental Resources, municipalities and counties, providing for enforcement, and making appropriations," further providing for grants and reimbursements.

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

Section 1. Section 17 of the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management Act, is amended to read:

Section 17. Grants and reimbursements to *municipalities and* counties.

(a) The Department of Environmental Resources is authorized to administer grants to *municipalities and* counties to assist or reimburse them for costs in preparing official storm water management plans *and actual administrative and enforcement and implementation costs and revisions to official plans for storm water management* required by this act. Grants and reimbursements shall be made from and to the extent of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes, and shall be made in accordance to rules and regulations adopted by the Environmental Quality Board.

(1) The grant shall be equal to [50%] 75% of the allowable costs for preparation of official storm water management plans, *administrative, enforcement and implementation costs* incurred by any *municipality or* county.

(2) For the purposes of this section, such State grants shall be in addition to grants for similar purposes made to any *municipality or* county by the Federal Government: Provided, That the grants authorized by this section shall be limited such that the total of all State and Federal grants does not exceed [50%] 75% of the allowable costs incurred by the *municipality or* county.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or limit application of this act to any municipality or person, or to relieve any municipality or person of duties imposed under this act.

(c) If, in any fiscal year, appropriations are insufficient to cover the costs or grants and reimbursement to all *municipalities and* counties eligible for such grants and reimbursements in that fiscal year, the Department of Environmental Resources shall report such fact to the General Assembly and shall request appropriation of funds necessary to provide the grants authorized in this section. If such a deficiency appropriation is not enacted, any *municipality or* county which has not received the full amount of the grant for which it is eligible under this section shall be as a first priority reimbursed from appropriations made in the next successive fiscal year.

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

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1984.

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