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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 9, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), entitled "An  
2 act providing for borrowing for capital facilities;  
3 conferring powers and duties on various administrative  
4 agencies and officers; making appropriations; and making  
5 repeals," in capital facilities, further providing for  
6 appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance  
7 capital projects.

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

10 Section 1. Section 317 of the act of February 9, 1999  
11 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling  
12 Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding subsections  
13 to read:

14 Section 317. Appropriation for and limitation on [redevelopment  
15 assistance] capital projects.

16 (a) Appropriation.--The amount necessary to pay principal of  
17 and interest on all obligations issued to provide funds for  
18 redevelopment assistance capital projects shall be appropriated  
19 from the General Fund and shall be transferred to the Capital

1 Debt Fund upon authorization by the Governor.

2 (b) Limitation on redevelopment assistance capital project  
3 obligations.--The maximum amount of redevelopment assistance  
4 capital projects undertaken by the Commonwealth for which  
5 obligations are outstanding shall not exceed, in aggregate,  
6 \$3,450,000,000.

7 (b.1) Limitation on additional capital project releases  
8 financed by debt.--Beginning July 1, 2017, and in each fiscal  
9 year thereafter, the following limitations on releasing  
10 additional capital projects for funding authorizations financed  
11 by debt shall apply:

12 (1) The maximum amount of additional public improvement  
13 projects released for funding by the Commonwealth in a fiscal  
14 year shall not exceed \$350,000,000.

15 (2) The maximum amount of additional redevelopment  
16 assistance capital projects released for funding by the  
17 Commonwealth in a fiscal year shall not exceed \$125,000,000.

18 (b.2) Carry forward.--

19 (1) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (2), in any  
20 fiscal year in which the projects released for funding under  
21 a paragraph under subsection (b.1) are less than the amount  
22 authorized for release under that paragraph, the remaining  
23 amount may be carried forward and added to the following  
24 fiscal year limitation for projects released for funding  
25 under that paragraph.

26 (2) The amount carried forward under paragraph (1) may  
27 not exceed half of the total amount authorized to be released  
28 for funding in that project category for the previous fiscal  
29 year.

30 (c) Housing units.--An amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 of

1 the amount under subsection (b) may be used for the construction  
2 of housing units.

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