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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 15, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1),  
 2 entitled "An act providing for alternative sources of energy;  
 3 establishing the Alternative Energy Development Program, the  
 4 Consumer Energy Program, the Home Energy Efficiency Loan  
 5 Program, the Home Energy Efficiency Loan Fund and the  
 6 Alternative Energy Production Tax Credit Program; and  
 7 providing for the powers and duties of the Department of  
 8 Environmental Protection," in Alternative Energy Development  
 9 Program, further providing for pollution control technology  
 10 projects and for Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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

13 Section 1. Section 304 of the act of July 9, 2008 (1st  
 14 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy  
 15 Investment Act, is amended to read:

16 Section 304. Pollution control technology projects.

17 (a) Allocation.--The sum of \$25,000,000 shall be transferred  
 18 by the authority to the department for pollution control  
 19 technology projects. The funds shall be utilized for grants to  
 20 electric generating units or cogeneration units, as defined  
 21 under 25 Pa. Code § 123.202 (relating to definitions), that

1 utilize coal, as defined under 25 Pa. Code § 123.202, as their  
2 primary fuel source, and that have an installed capacity of less  
3 than 500 megawatts, located in this Commonwealth.

4 (b) Distribution.--Each electric generating unit or  
5 cogeneration unit shall be eligible to receive a pro rata share  
6 of moneys allocated for pollution control technology projects  
7 based on criteria developed by the department. The department  
8 shall publish the criteria to be used in the Pennsylvania  
9 Bulletin and on its Internet website and shall submit the  
10 criteria to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of  
11 the Senate and the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee  
12 of the House of Representatives for comment and review 60 days  
13 prior to accepting a grant application under this section.

14 (c) Natural gas access.--

15 (1) The sum of \$10,000,000 of the funds transferred to  
16 the department under subsection (a) shall be transferred to  
17 the authority.

18 (2) The amount transferred to the authority under  
19 paragraph (1) shall be allocated by the authority for grants  
20 to schools, hospitals and small businesses to obtain access  
21 to natural gas.

22 (3) The authority shall give priority to applications  
23 that will result in adjoining commercial or residential  
24 properties utilizing natural gas.

25 (4) Grants may provide for up to 50% of the cost of the  
26 project.

27 Section 2. Section 307(c)(1) of the act is amended and the  
28 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

29 Section 307. Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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1 (c) High performance buildings.--

2 (1) The sum of [\$25,000,000] \$15,000,000 shall be  
3 allocated by the authority for loans or grants to one of the  
4 following to meet energy efficient standards under paragraph

5 (2):

6 (i) A small business for the construction or  
7 renovation of a building for the use of the small  
8 business.

9 (ii) An individual or business for the construction  
10 or renovation of [a dwelling if the individual does or  
11 will occupy the dwelling as his primary residence]  
12 single-family or multiunit dwellings.

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14 (c.1) Natural gas access.--

15 (1) The sum of \$10,000,000 shall be allocated by the  
16 authority for grants to schools, hospitals and small  
17 businesses to obtain access to natural gas.

18 (2) The authority shall give priority to applications  
19 that will result in adjoining commercial or residential  
20 properties utilizing natural gas.

21 (3) Grants under this subsection may provide for up to  
22 50% of the cost of the project.

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