

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JUNE 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,
 2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State
 3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,
 4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts
 5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and
 6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,
 7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
 8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
 9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
 10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
 11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
 12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
 13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
 14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
 15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
 17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
 18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
 19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
 20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
 21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
 22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
 23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
 24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
 25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
 26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
 27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
 28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
 30 Commonwealth," in special funds, further providing for State
 31 Workers' Insurance Board investments and for a related
 32 expiration provision.

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

3 Section 1. The heading of Subarticle D of Article XVII-A of
4 the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal
5 Code, reenacted June 30, 2011 (P.L.159, No.26), is reenacted to
6 read:

7 SUBARTICLE D

8 INVESTMENTS

9 Section 2. Sections 1731-A and 1732-A of the act, reenacted
10 and amended June 30, 2011 (P.L.159, No.26), are reenacted and
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1731-A. State Workers' Insurance Board.

13 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of section 1512
14 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the
15 Workers' Compensation Act, section 504 of the act of November
16 30, 1965 (P.L.847, No.356), known as the Banking Code of 1965,
17 [section 922 of the act of December 14, 1967 (P.L.746, No.345),
18 known as the Savings Association Code of 1967,] and any other
19 law of this Commonwealth, the power of the State Workers'
20 Insurance Board to invest money shall include the power to hold,
21 purchase, sell, assign, transfer and dispose of securities,
22 including common stock with the following restrictions:

23 (1) Investments in equities may not exceed the lesser
24 of:

25 (i) 15% of the State Workers' Insurance Fund's
26 assets; or

27 (ii) the State Workers' Insurance Fund's statutory
28 surplus after discount, except that, notwithstanding the
29 statutory surplus, the State Workers' Insurance Fund is
30 authorized to invest up to 7 1/2% of the book value of

1 its assets in equities.

2 (1.1) Investments in equities shall be made subject to
3 the prudent investor rule as provided for under 20 Pa.C.S. §
4 7203 (relating to prudent investor rule).

5 (2) The State Workers' Insurance Board shall establish a
6 policy for investments and shall meet at least annually to
7 develop a schedule for rebalancing its investments in
8 securities to meet the restriction of paragraph (1).

9 Section 1732-A. Expiration.

10 This subarticle shall expire June 30, [2015] 2018.

11 Section 3. If this act is enacted after June 30, 2015, the
12 reenactment and amendment of Article XVII-A Subarticle D heading
13 and sections 1731-A and 1732-A of the act shall apply
14 retroactively to June 30, 2015.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.