

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor
in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

AN ACT to amend chapters 50, 54, 55 and 108 of
the laws of 2010, making appropriations for
the support of government

Purpose: This deficiency appropriation bill amends Chapters 50, 54, 55 and 108 of the Laws of 2010, which made appropriations for the 2010-11 fiscal year, to meet essential obligations for which sufficient funding was not provided in the enacted budget.

Summary of Provisions:

Section 1 amends the 2010-11 General Government and Public Protection Budget as follows:

DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The recommended amendment to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) budget makes a technical correction to an account name. This correction to change the name of the "Local Wireless Public Safety Answering Point Account" in the Fire Prevention and Control Program to the "Statewide Public Safety Communications Account" will allow the DHSES to spend this appropriation for local grants, consistent with Legislative and Executive intent.

Section 2 amends the 2010-11 Health and Mental Hygiene Budget as follows:

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

The recommended deficiency for the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) increases the 2010-11 Special Revenue Fund - Federal appropriations by \$3,000,000. The \$3,000,000 is necessary to allow SOFA to process additional Federal grants that have been approved to support the Senior Community Service Employment Program and various other programs.

Section 3 amends the 2010-11 Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget as follows:

DIVISION OF TAX APPEALS

The recommended deficiency for the Division of Tax Appeals provides \$101,000 in appropriation authority for personal service spending. The current 2010-11 appropriation is insufficient to cover personal service spending because the anticipated attrition did not materialize. The staff of the Division continues to be accessible to taxpayers and their representatives by providing taxpayers with a system of due process for resolving disputes with the Department of Tax and Finance.

Section 4 amends Chapter 108 of the Laws of 2010, making appropriations for the support of government:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The recommended deficiency for the Department of Health (DOH) increases the 2010-11 General Fund - Aid to Localities appropriation by \$6,250,000 in the Center for Community Health, General Public Health Work Program. The increase is necessary to provide sufficient authority for the General Public Health Work Program to provide reimbursement to local health departments.

The recommended deficiency also increases the 2010-11 Special Revenue Fund-Other appropriations in the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) by \$52,000,000 to provide payments to pharmacies to cover drug costs incurred by EPIC plan participants.

Section 5 provides that the bill shall take effect immediately and be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2010.

Existing Law: This is a new bill.

Statement in Support: Enactment of this deficiency appropriation bill is necessary to provide funding for liabilities occurring in the 2010-11 fiscal year for which no appropriations currently exist.

Budget Implications: The provisions of this bill are accommodated in the current Financial Plan for 2010-11.