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An Act to establish
Property Tax Stabilization Grants

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act, Interpre-

(a) "lower tier municipality" means a city, town, village or township;

(b) "merged area" means where a lower tier municipality is situate within a regional or district municipality, merged area as defined in the Act establishing the regional or district municipality;

(c) "Minister" means the Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs;

(d) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act;

(e) "upper tier municipality" means a county, or a regional, metropolitan or district municipality.

2. The purpose of this Act is to, Purpose of Act

(a) provide for a general support grant to each upper tier municipality and to each lower tier municipality in an amount ranging from 2 per cent to 6 per cent of the net levy of the municipality, with the percentage applicable to each municipality being determined, in the manner prescribed in the regulations, on a sliding scale ranging from 2 per cent where the municipality's gross revenue fund expenditures increase by 12 per cent or more over such expenditures in the previous year to 6 per cent where such increase is 8 per cent or less, and to provide an
additional grant in the amount of 10 per cent of the net levy of each municipality that is situate in the northern part of Ontario; and

(b) provide for a resource equalization grant to each lower tier municipality whose equalized assessment per capita is below $10,000 in an amount based, in the manner prescribed in the regulations, on the proportion that one-half of such deficiency of equalized assessment per capita bears to $10,000 as applied to the net levy of the lower tier municipality.

3. — (1) The Minister shall, out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature, make a general support grant in 1973 and in each year thereafter to each lower tier municipality and to each upper tier municipality in the amount and in the manner prescribed in the regulations.

(2) The Minister shall, out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature, make a resource equalization grant in 1973 and in each year thereafter to each lower tier municipality in the amount and in the manner prescribed in the regulations.

4. For the purposes of any general or special Act, the assessment of a lower tier municipality that receives a resource equalization grant shall be deemed for apportionment purposes, other than for school purposes or for apportionment between merged areas, to be increased by an amount that would have produced the amount of the resource equalization grant by the taxation of real property at the rate applicable to the major portion of commercial and industrial property in the preceding year for all purposes other than school purposes.

5. The clerk of every lower tier municipality that receives a resource equalization grant shall transmit to each body, other than a school board, for which the lower tier municipality is required to levy, within fourteen days of determination of the resource equalization grant, a statement of the amount to be added to the assessment of the municipality under section 4.

6. The lower tier municipality shall allocate the resource equalization grant to each of the bodies, other than a school board, for which the lower tier municipality is required to levy, in the proportion that the taxes levied in the preceding year on commercial and industrial property for each such body bears to the total taxes levied in the preceding year on commercial and industrial property for all purposes other than school purposes.
7. The amount allocated to each body under section 6 shall be deducted from the requisition of each such body for the year and the net amount shall be the amount included in the levy of the lower tier municipality for purposes of section 302 of The Municipal Act and section 7 of The Regional Municipal Grants Act in each year.

8. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

   (a) prescribing the conditions under which grants shall be made;

   (b) prescribing the method of calculating grants made under this Act and the conditions attached thereto;

   (c) prescribing the forms and records to be used for the purposes of this Act or the regulations;

   (d) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

9. Notwithstanding section 4, in 1973, preliminary apportionments may be made which exclude any increase in assessment in respect of a resource equalization grant and an adjustment to the apportionment shall be made when the resource equalization grants for 1973 have been determined.

10. Any payment made in 1973 under section 28 of The Assessment Act to a lower tier municipality designated as a mining municipality for the purposes of that Act shall be deemed to be a grant made under this Act and the payment so made shall be deducted from any grant payable under this Act.

11. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of January, 1973, and applies with respect to 1973 and subsequent years.

12. This Act may be cited as The Property Tax Stabilization Act, 1973.