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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 4073--Regional Development Act of 1975.

This bill extends and amends the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

H. R. 4073 provides authorizations for and amendments to two regional development Acts.

The Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (ARDA) established the Appalachian Regional Commission and was designed to increase participation of the 13-State Appalachian region in the general growth and prosperity of the nation.

Title I of the bill extends the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for four years. It authorizes appropriations for administrative expenses of \$4.6 million for the period July 1, 1975, through September 30, 1977, and \$5.0 million for the following two year period.

Title II of the bill will authorize appropriations for and amend Title V of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 which established the Regional Action Planning Commissions. The authorization for the Planning Commissions will be extended through fiscal year 1977 and the appropriation authorization will be FY 1976 \$200 million plus \$50 million for the transition quarter. Appropriations of \$250 million will be authorized in FY 1977.

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