

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PETERSON, KLINGAMAN, BOWSER, MADIGAN, SWIFT, LEVI,  
GRUPPO, GRABOWSKI, GAMBLE, BOYES AND CIMINI, JANUARY 19, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 19, 1981

### AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," requiring verification of  
4 residency.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 432.4, act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
8 No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code," added July 15, 1976  
9 (P.L.993, No.202), is amended to read:

10 Section 432.4. Identification and Proof of Residence.--All  
11 persons applying for assistance shall provide acceptable  
12 identification and proof of residence; the department shall by  
13 regulations specify what constitutes acceptable identification  
14 and proof of residence. A person shall be deemed to be a  
15 resident when he or she documents his or her residency and that  
16 residency is verified by the department. Verification shall  
17 include but is not limited to the production of rent receipts,  
18 mortgage payment receipts, utility receipts, bank accounts

1 and/or enrollment of children in local schools.

2       For the purpose of determining eligibility for assistance,  
3 the continued absence of a recipient from the Commonwealth for a  
4 period of sixty days or longer shall be prima facie evidence of  
5 the intent of the recipient to have changed his residence to a  
6 place outside the Commonwealth. The department shall make  
7 inquiry from all recipients who have been continuously absent  
8 for a period of thirty days to determine whether or not it is  
9 their intent to remain residents of the Commonwealth or to  
10 become residents elsewhere, and shall redetermine the residence  
11 of such persons. In any case in which such inquiry does not  
12 establish that the recipient remains a resident of the  
13 Commonwealth, his aid shall be terminated after providing timely  
14 and adequate notice of such intended action.

15       If a recipient is prevented by illness or other good cause  
16 from returning to the Commonwealth at the end of sixty days, and  
17 has not acted to establish residence elsewhere, he shall not be  
18 deemed to have lost his residence in the Commonwealth.

19       When a recipient of aid to families with dependent children  
20 or general assistance is absent from the United States for a  
21 period in excess of thirty days, his aid shall thereafter be  
22 suspended whenever need cannot be determined for the ensuing  
23 period of his absence.

24       [It is not the intent of the General Assembly, however, in  
25 enacting this section to create any durational residence  
26 requirement.]

27       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.