

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, STAIRS, CLARK, RASCO AND KOLTER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 20, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act providing property tax or rent
3 rebate and inflation dividends to certain senior citizens,
4 widows, widowers and permanently disabled persons with
5 limited incomes; establishing uniform standards and
6 qualifications for eligibility to receive rebates and
7 dividends; providing for transportation assistance grants and
8 grants to area agencies on aging for services to older
9 persons; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue,"
10 further providing for eligible persons.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The title, section 2 and clause (7) of section 3,
14 act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the "Senior
15 Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act," reenacted and amended June
16 16, 1975 (P.L.7, No.4) and amended March 10, 1982 (No.56), are
17 amended to read:

AN ACT

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19 Providing property tax or rent rebate and inflation dividends to
20 certain senior citizens, widows, widowers, certain single
21 persons and permanently disabled persons with limited

1 incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications
2 for eligibility to receive rebates and dividends; providing
3 for transportation assistance grants and grants to area
4 agencies on aging for services to older persons; and imposing
5 duties upon the Department of Revenue.

6 Section 2. Declaration of Policy.--In recognition of the
7 severe economic plight of certain senior citizens, widows,
8 widowers, certain single persons and permanently disabled
9 persons who are real property owners or renters with fixed and
10 limited incomes who are faced with rising living costs and
11 constantly increasing tax and inflation cost burdens which
12 threaten their homesteads and self-sufficiency, the General
13 Assembly, pursuant to the mandates of the Constitutional
14 Convention of 1968, considers it to be a matter of sound public
15 policy to make special provisions for property tax rebates or
16 rent rebates in lieu of property taxes and inflation dividends
17 to that class of senior citizens, widows, widowers and
18 permanently disabled persons who are real property taxpayers or
19 renters who are without adequate means of support to enable them
20 to remain in peaceable possession of their homes and relieving
21 their economic burden and to provide transportation assistance
22 grants and to provide grants to area agencies on aging for
23 services to older persons.

24 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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26 (7) "Claimant" means a person who files a claim for property
27 tax rebate or rent rebate in lieu of property taxes and
28 inflation dividend and was sixty-five years of age or over, or
29 whose spouse (if a member of the household) was sixty-five years
30 of age or over, during a calendar year in which real property

1 taxes, rent and inflation costs were due and payable or was a
2 single woman, widow or widower and was fifty years of age or
3 over during a calendar year or part thereof in which real
4 property taxes, rent and inflation costs were due and payable,
5 or was a permanently disabled person eighteen years of age or
6 over during a calendar year or part thereof in which real
7 property taxes, rent and inflation costs were due and payable.
8 For the purposes of this act the term "widow" or "widower" shall
9 mean the surviving wife or the surviving husband, as the case
10 may be, of a deceased individual and who has not remarried
11 except as provided in subsection (c) and (d) of section 4 of
12 this act. For the purposes of this act, "single woman" is a
13 woman who was never married. For the purposes of this act the
14 term "permanently disabled person" shall mean a person who is
15 unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason
16 of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment
17 which can be expected to continue indefinitely, except as
18 provided in subsection (c) and (d) of section 4 of this act.

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