## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 2556

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INTRODUCED BY DeMEDIO, F. E. TAYLOR, FRYER, MRKONIC, GRABOWSKI AND MISCEVICH, JUNE 8, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 8, 1982

## AN ACT

Amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act providing property tax or rent 3 rebate and inflation dividends to certain senior citizens, widows, widowers and permanently disabled persons with limited incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications for eligibility to receive rebates and 7 dividends; providing for transportation assistance grants and grants to area agencies on aging for services to older 8 persons; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue," 9 extending provisions of the act to single persons who are 10 fifty years of age or older. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 13 14 Section 1. The title and clause (7) of section 3, act of 15 March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the "Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, " reenacted and amended June 16, 1975 16 17 (P.L.7, No.4), and amended March 10, 1982 (P.L.177, No.56), are 18 amended to read: 19 AN ACT 20 Providing property tax or rent rebate and inflation dividends to 21 certain senior citizens, widows, widowers, single persons and

permanently disabled persons with limited incomes;

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- 1 establishing uniform standards and qualifications for
- 2 eligibility to receive rebates and dividends; providing for
- 3 transportation assistance grants and grants to area agencies
- 4 on aging for services to older persons; and imposing duties
- 5 upon the Department of Revenue.
- 6 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:
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- 8 (7) "Claimant" means a person who files a claim for property
- 9 tax rebate or rent rebate in lieu of property taxes and
- 10 inflation dividend and was sixty-five years of age or over, or
- 11 whose spouse (if a member of the household) was sixty-five years
- 12 of age or over, during a calendar year in which real property
- 13 taxes, rent and inflation costs were due and payable or was a
- 14 widow or widower and was fifty years of age or over during a
- 15 calendar year or part thereof in which real property taxes, rent
- 16 and inflation costs were due and payable, or was a permanently
- 17 disabled person eighteen years of age or over or a single person
- 18 and fifty years of age or older during a calendar year or part
- 19 thereof in which real property taxes, rent and inflation costs
- 20 were due and payable. For the purposes of this act the term
- 21 "widow" or "widower" shall mean the surviving wife or the
- 22 surviving husband, as the case may be, of a deceased individual
- 23 and who has not remarried except as provided in subsection (c)
- 24 and (d) of section 4 of this act. For the purposes of this act
- 25 the term "permanently disabled person" shall mean a person who
- 26 is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by
- 27 reason of any medically determinable physical or mental
- 28 impairment which can be expected to continue indefinitely,
- 29 except as provided in subsection (c) and (d) of section 4 of
- 30 this act.

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- Section 2. This amendatory act shall apply to the tax year 2
- 3 beginning on and after January 1, 1982.
- Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1983. 4