THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 426

Session of 1985

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, KASUNIC, ARTY, TRUMAN, COLAFELLA, SAURMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, HOWLETT, ITKIN, FISCHER, GEIST, HALUSKA, PRATT, BOWSER, GODSHALL, SEMMEL, J. L. WRIGHT, BELFANTI, MORRIS, ANGSTADT, ACOSTA, DALEY, POTT, BALDWIN, JOHNSON, DEAL, TRELLO, PHILLIPS, OLASZ, GAMBLE, PETRARCA, MAIALE AND DISTLER, FEBRUARY 26, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 26, 1985

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
- act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
- 3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth, " providing for certain
- 4 benefits for permanently disabled persons.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Section 443.6 of the act of June 13, 1967
- 8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by
- 9 adding a subsection to read:
- 10 Section 443.6. Reimbursement for Certain Medical Assistance
- 11 Items and Services.--* * *
- 12 (c.1) A person eighteen years of age and over who is unable
- 13 to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any
- 14 medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can
- 15 be expected to continue indefinitely shall be eligible to
- 16 receive prescription assistance in the same amount as provided
- 17 for in the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), known as

- 1 the "Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Act,"
- 2 for life-sustaining maintenance drugs as determined by the
- 3 <u>department</u>. Each year the permanently disabled adult shall
- 4 <u>submit an affidavit of his disability or a copy of a document</u>
- 5 <u>issued by the Social Security Administration which affidavit or</u>
- 6 document shows that he was so disabled during the previous year.
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- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.