

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No. 272 Session of  
1991

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FEBRUARY 5, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 5, 1991

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," providing for payments for  
4 the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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

7 Section 1. Section 403(b) of the act of June 13, 1967  
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended April  
9 8, 1982 (P.L.231, No.75), is amended to read:

10 Section 403. Uniformity in Administration of Assistance;  
11 Regulations as to Assistance.--\* \* \*

12 (b) The department shall establish rules, regulations and  
13 standards, consistent with the law, as to eligibility for  
14 assistance and as to its nature and extent.

15 (1) Whenever possible and consistent with State law, the  
16 department shall establish rules, regulations and standards for  
17 general assistance consistent with those established for aid to

1 families with dependent children. In no instance shall the  
2 rules, regulations and standards established for general  
3 assistance provide for benefits greater than those benefits  
4 provided for aid to families with dependent children.

5 (2) The secretary or his designee in writing is the only  
6 person authorized to adopt regulations, orders, or standards of  
7 general application to implement, interpret, or make specific  
8 the law administered by the department.

9 (3) The secretary shall issue interim regulations whenever  
10 changes in Federal laws and regulations supersede existing  
11 statutes.

12 (4) In adopting regulations, orders, or standards of general  
13 application, the secretary shall strive for clarity of language  
14 which may be readily understood by those administering aid and  
15 by those who apply for or receive aid.

16 (5) Regulations for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
17 Program for fiscal year 1988-1989 shall provide for payments  
18 according to the following table:

	<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Income</u>
20	<u>1</u>	<u>\$10,436</u>
21	<u>2</u>	<u>13,082</u>
22	<u>3</u>	<u>15,728</u>
23	<u>4</u>	<u>18,374</u>
24	<u>5</u>	<u>21,020</u>
25	<u>6</u>	<u>23,666</u>
26	<u>7</u>	<u>26,312</u>
27	<u>8</u>	<u>28,958</u>

28 For each person over an eight-member  
29 household, add \$2,646.

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1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect immediately.