THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 787

Session of 1999

INTRODUCED BY McILHINNEY, BISHOP, BROWNE, DeLUCA, GODSHALL, GORDNER, LAUGHLIN, MAHER, MANDERINO, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, ORIE, PESCI, ROSS, RUBLEY, SEYFERT, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WILLIAMS, WILT AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 15, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 15, 1999

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 personal
- 4 needs allowance deduction for medical assistance eligible
- 5 persons in nursing facilities.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
- 9 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
- 10 read:
- 11 Section 443.7. Personal Needs Allowance Deduction for
- 12 Medical Assistance Eligible Persons in Nursing Facilities. -- A
- 13 personal needs allowance of not less than \$40 per month, for
- 14 clothing and other personal needs, shall be deducted from a
- 15 medical assistance eligible person's gross income, as defined by
- 16 <u>departmental regulation</u>, for purposes of determining the amount
- 17 that person must pay toward the cost of skilled health care and
- 18 intermediate services or intermediate care while residing in a

- 1 nursing facility.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.