

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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STABACK, COSTA, MICHLOVIC AND HARHAI, JANUARY 23, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,  
JANUARY 23, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled  
2 "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration  
3 thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery  
4 Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of  
5 funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes  
6 from State and local taxation and making an appropriation,"  
7 further defining "maximum annual income" for purposes of  
8 pharmaceutical assistance; and further providing for PACENET  
9 eligibility.

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

12 Section 1. The definition of "maximum annual income" in  
13 section 502 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91),  
14 known as the State Lottery Law, added November 21, 1996  
15 (P.L.741, No.134), is amended to read:

16 Section 502. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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3 "Maximum annual income." For PACE eligibility, the term  
4 shall mean annual income which shall not exceed \$14,000 in the  
5 case of single persons nor \$17,200 in the case of the combined  
6 annual income of persons married to each other, subject to an  
7 increase beginning January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter by  
8 the amount of the maximum Social Security benefit cost-of-living  
9 increase for that year for single and married persons,  
10 respectively. Persons may, in reporting income to the Department  
11 of Aging, round the amount of each source of income and the  
12 income total to the nearest whole dollar, whereby any amount  
13 which is less than 50¢ is eliminated.

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15 Section 2. Section 519(b) of the act, added November 21,  
16 1996 (P.L.741, No.134), is amended to read:

17 Section 519. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the  
18 Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier.

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20 (b) PACENET eligibility.--A claimant with an annual income  
21 of not less than \$14,000 and not more than \$16,000 in the case  
22 of a single person and of not less than \$17,200 and not more  
23 than \$19,200 in the case of the combined income of persons  
24 married to each other, subject to an increase beginning January  
25 1, 2001, and annually thereafter by the amount of the maximum  
26 Social Security benefit cost-of-living increase for that year  
27 for single and married persons, respectively, shall be eligible  
28 for enhanced pharmaceutical assistance under this section. A  
29 person may, in reporting income to the department, round the  
30 amount of each source of income and the income total to the

1 nearest whole dollar, whereby any amount which is less than 50¢  
2 is eliminated.

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4 Section 3. This act shall be applied retroactively to  
5 January 1, 2001.

6 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.