

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 128 Session of  
2001

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HESS, PISTELLA, SCRIMENTI, PETRARCA AND WOJNAROSKI,  
JANUARY 23, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 23, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An  
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying  
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing  
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,  
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing  
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and  
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain  
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations  
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and  
10 penalties," establishing a prescription drug cost tax credit.

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

13 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as  
14 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to  
15 read:

16 Section 314.1. Prescription Drug Cost Tax Credit.--(a) A  
17 resident individual who is fifty-five years of age or older  
18 shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this  
19 article in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the cost

1 of prescription drugs purchased during the taxable year by the  
2 individual for the individual, the individual's spouse, or both.

3 (b) The credit provided under this section shall not exceed  
4 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

5 (c) If the credit provided under this section exceeds the  
6 tax calculated under this article reduced by any allowable  
7 credits, the remainder shall be refunded to the individual.

8 Section 2. This act shall apply to taxable years beginning  
9 on or after December 31, 2001.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.