

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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APRIL 18, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 18, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money
3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," further
14 providing for PACE reinstatement.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 2306 of the act of June 26, 2001
18 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is
19 amended to read:

20 Section 2306. PACE reinstatement.

1 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, persons who, as of December 31, 2000, were enrolled
3 in the PACE program established pursuant to the act of August
4 14, 1991 (P.L.342, No.36), known as the former Lottery Fund
5 Preservation Act, shall remain eligible for the PACE program
6 if the maximum income limit is exceeded due solely to a
7 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. Any person whose
8 PACE eligibility has been terminated for this cause shall be
9 retroactively reinstated commencing on the effective date of
10 this section. Eligibility in the PACE program pursuant to
11 this section shall expire on December 31, 2002.

12 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
13 contrary, persons who, as of December 31, 2001, were enrolled
14 in the PACE program established pursuant to the former
15 Lottery Fund Preservation Act, shall remain eligible for the
16 PACE program if the maximum income limit is exceeded due
17 solely to a railroad retirement cost-of-living adjustment.
18 Any person whose PACE eligibility has been terminated for
19 this cause shall be retroactively reinstated commencing on
20 the effective date of this paragraph. Eligibility in the PACE
21 program pursuant to this paragraph shall expire on December
22 31, 2003.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.