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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 4, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act providing property tax or rent rebate and
3 inflation dividends to certain senior citizens, widows,
4 widowers and permanently disabled persons with limited
5 incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications
6 for eligibility to receive rebates and dividends; providing
7 for transportation assistance grants and grants to area
8 agencies on aging for services to older persons; and imposing
9 duties upon the Department of Revenue," further defining
10 "claimant."

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

13 Section 1. Section 3(7) of the act of March 11, 1971
14 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and
15 Assistance Act, reenacted and amended December 21, 1979
16 (P.L.570, No.131) and amended March 10, 1982 (P.L.177, No.56),
17 is amended to read:

18 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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1 (7) "Claimant" means a person who files a claim for property
2 tax rebate or rent rebate in lieu of property taxes and
3 inflation dividend and was sixty-five years of age or over, or
4 whose spouse (if a member of the household) was sixty-five years
5 of age or over, during a calendar year in which real property
6 taxes, rent and inflation costs were due and payable or was a
7 widow or widower and was fifty years of age or over during a
8 calendar year or part thereof in which real property taxes, rent
9 and inflation costs were due and payable, or was a permanently
10 disabled person eighteen years of age or over during a calendar
11 year or part thereof in which real property taxes, rent and
12 inflation costs were due and payable[.], or was an active member
13 of a volunteer fire company or organization during a calendar
14 year in which real property taxes, rent and inflation costs were
15 due and payable. For the purposes of this act the term "widow"
16 or "widower" shall mean the surviving wife or the surviving
17 husband, as the case may be, of a deceased individual and who
18 has not remarried except as provided in subsection (c) and (d)
19 of section 4 of this act. For the purposes of this act the term
20 "permanently disabled person" shall mean a person who is unable
21 to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any
22 medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can
23 be expected to continue indefinitely, except as provided in
24 subsection (c) and (d) of section 4 of this act.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.