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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1811 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, THOMAS, BELFANTI, BOYD, CREIGHTON, DePASQUALE, ELLIS, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, HALUSKA, HARPER, HARRIS, HESS, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KIRKLAND, KULA, MACKERETH, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, NAILOR, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRONE, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SWANGER, WAGNER AND WATSON, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes from State and local taxation and making an appropriation," further providing for PACENET eligibility.

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

Section 1. Section 519(b) of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, amended July 7, 2006 (P.L.1061, No.111), is amended to read:

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

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(b) PACENET eligibility.--[A]

<u>(1) Subject to the annual adjustments under paragraph (2), a</u> person with an annual income of not less than $14,500

and not more than $23,500 in the case of a single person and of not less than $17,700 and not more than $31,500 in the case of the combined income of persons married to each other shall be eligible for enhanced pharmaceutical assistance under this section. A person may, in reporting income to the department, round the amount of each source of income and the income total to the nearest whole dollar, whereby any amount which is less than 50ç is eliminated.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law, the minimum and maximum income levels under paragraph (1) shall be adjusted annually to reflect the maximum annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. Each year's adjustment shall be based on the prior year's adjusted minimum and maximum income levels. The adjustment required under this paragraph shall reflect calendar years 2003, 2004, 2005 and each calendar year thereafter.

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Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to December 1, 2005.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.