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ZORD AND W. D. HUTCHINSON, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

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 to
3 certain senior citizens, widows, widowers and permanently
4 disabled persons with limited incomes; establishing uniform
5 standards and qualifications for eligibility to receive a
6 rebate; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue,"
7 further providing for the eligibility of widows and widowers.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Clause (6) of section 3, act of March 11, 1971
11 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the "Senior Citizens Property Tax or
12 Rent Rebate Act," reenacted and amended June 16, 1975 (P.L.7,
13 No.4), is amended, and the section is amended by adding a clause
14 to read:

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

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17 (6) "Claimant" means a person who files a claim for property
18 tax rebate or rent rebate in lieu of property taxes and was
19 sixty-five years of age or over, or whose spouse (if a member of

1 the household) was sixty-five years of age or over, during a
2 calendar year in which real property taxes or rent were due and
3 payable or was a widow or widower [and was fifty years of age or
4 over] or who had attained the age of eligibility during the
5 calendar year or part thereof in which real property taxes or
6 rent were due and payable, or was a permanently disabled person
7 during a calendar year or part thereof in which real property
8 taxes or rent were due and payable. For the purposes of this act
9 the term "widow" or "widower" shall mean the surviving wife or
10 the surviving husband, as the case may be, of a deceased
11 individual and who has not remarried except as provided in
12 subsection (c) and (d) of section 4 of this act. For the
13 purposes of this act the term "permanently disabled person"
14 shall mean a person who is unable to engage in any substantial
15 gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable
16 physical or mental impairment which can be expected to continue
17 indefinitely, except as provided in subsection (c) and (d) of
18 section 4 of this act.

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20 (8) "Age of eligibility" means:

21 50 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1978;

22 51 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1979;

23 52 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1980;

24 53 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1981;

25 54 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1982;

26 55 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1983;

27 56 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1984;

28 57 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1985;

29 58 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1986;

30 59 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1987;

1 60 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1988;
2 61 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1989;
3 62 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1990;
4 63 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1991;
5 64 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1992;
6 65 years of age or older on or before January 1, 1993 and
7 thereafter.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1978.