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INTRODUCED BY SALVATORE, PERZEL, GANNON, WOGAN, WESTON, ROCKS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 7, 1981

AN ACT

1 To provide pharmaceutical assistance to the aged.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the

6 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged Act."

7 Section 2. Program established.

8 The program of "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged" is

9 hereby established and shall consist of payments to pharmacies

10 for the reasonable cost of prescription drugs of eligible

11 persons, which exceed a \$2 copayment per prescription or per

12 purchase of insulin, paid by each eligible person. For purposes

13 of this act, "prescription drugs" means all legend drugs,

14 insulin, insulin syringes and insulin needles, "reasonable cost"

15 means the cost of prescription drugs plus a dispensing fee, as

16 determined by the secretary and "secretary" means the Secretary

17 of Revenue.

1 Section 3. Eligibilities.

2 (a) Every resident of Pennsylvania who is 65 years of age or
3 older and whose annual family income from all sources is less
4 than \$9,000 shall be eligible.

5 (b) Any otherwise eligible person whose prescription drug
6 costs are wholly covered by any other plan of assistance or
7 insurance shall be ineligible for assistance under the
8 provisions of this act. Any otherwise eligible person whose
9 prescription drug costs are covered in part by any other plan of
10 assistance or insurance may be required to receive reduced
11 assistance under the provisions of this act.

12 Section 4. Payments.

13 The secretary shall by regulation establish a system of
14 payments or reimbursements and a system for determining
15 eligibility, including provisions for submission of proof of
16 actual and anticipated annual income, and evidence of complete
17 or partial coverage or prescription drug costs by any other
18 assistance or insurance plans.

19 Section 5. Funds for payment of administrative expenses and
20 payments.

21 Expenses, salaries and other costs incurred in the
22 administration of this act and approved payments shall be paid
23 from the State Lottery Fund established by the act of August 26,
24 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the "State Lottery Law."

25 Section 6. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect June 1, 1981.