

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1263 Session of  
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STETLER, J. TAYLOR AND LEDERER, APRIL 3, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 3, 2001

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 "income" for purposes of property tax and rent rebate claim  
11 eligibility.

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

14 Section 1. Section 3(1) of the act of March 11, 1971  
15 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and  
16 Assistance Act, reenacted and amended December 21, 1979  
17 (P.L.570, No.131) and amended June 25, 1999 (P.L.226, No.30), is  
18 amended to read:

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

1       (1) "Income" means all income from whatever source derived,  
2 including but not limited to salaries, wages, bonuses,  
3 commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support  
4 money, cash public assistance and relief, the gross amount of  
5 any pensions or annuities including railroad retirement benefits  
6 for calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty per cent of railroad  
7 retirement benefits for calendar years 1999 and thereafter, all  
8 benefits received under the Federal Social Security Act (except  
9 Medicare benefits) for calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty  
10 per cent of all benefits received under the Federal Social  
11 Security Act (except Medicare benefits) for calendar years 1999  
12 and thereafter, all benefits received under State unemployment  
13 insurance laws [and veterans' disability payments], all interest  
14 received from the Federal or any State government, or any  
15 instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, realized  
16 capital gains, rentals, workmen's compensation and the gross  
17 amount of loss of time insurance benefits, life insurance  
18 benefits and proceeds (except the first five thousand dollars  
19 (\$5,000) of the total of death benefit payments), and gifts of  
20 cash or property (other than transfers by gift between members  
21 of a household) in excess of a total value of three hundred  
22 dollars (\$300), but shall not include veterans' disability  
23 payments or surplus food or other relief in kind supplied by a  
24 governmental agency or property tax or rent rebate or inflation  
25 dividend.

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27       Section 2. The amendment of section 3(1) shall apply to  
28 claims filed for calendar years after 2002.

29       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.