THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2940 Session of 2002

INTRODUCED BY STEELMAN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, D. EVANS, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, JOSEPHS, KELLER, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MAHER, MANN, MUNDY, MYERS, PETRARCA, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, SURRA, TANGRETTI, VEON, WOJNAROSKI, M. WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, TIGUE, MELIO, LAUGHLIN, SHANER AND BENNINGHOFF, OCTOBER 23, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 23, 2002

AN ACT

- Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An 2 act establishing a special fund and account for money 3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research 7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health 8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers, 9 10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care 11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET 12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for 13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," extending 14 eligibility for PACE and PACENET.
- 15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 16 hereby enacts as follows:
- 17 Section 1. Section 2306 of the act of June 26, 2001
- 18 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is
- 19 amended to read:
- 20 Section 2306. PACE reinstatement.
- 21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,

- 1 persons who, as of December 31, 2000, were enrolled in the PACE
- 2 program established pursuant to the act of August 14, 1991
- 3 (P.L.342, No.36), known as the former Lottery Fund Preservation
- 4 Act, shall remain eligible for the PACE program if the maximum
- 5 income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-
- 6 of-living adjustment. Any person whose PACE eligibility has been
- 7 terminated for this cause shall be retroactively reinstated
- 8 commencing on the effective date of this section. Eligibility in
- 9 the PACE program pursuant to this section shall expire on
- 10 [December 31, 2002] <u>June 30, 2003</u>.
- 11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 12 <u>Section 2306.1. PACENET reinstatement.</u>
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
- 14 persons who, as of December 31, 2001, were enrolled in the
- 15 PACENET program established pursuant to section 519 of the act
- 16 of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery
- 17 Law, shall remain eligible for the PACE program if the maximum
- 18 income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-
- 19 of-living adjustment. Any person whose PACENET eligibility has
- 20 been terminated for this cause shall be retroactively reinstated
- 21 commencing on the effective date of this section. Eliqibility in
- 22 the PACE program pursuant to this section shall expire on June
- 23 30, 2003.
- 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.