

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1138 Session of
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WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 11, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
APRIL 11, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for personal
4 needs allowance deduction for medical assistance eligible
5 persons in nursing facilities.

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

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 443.7. Personal Needs Allowance Deduction for
12 Medical Assistance Eligible Persons in Nursing Facilities.--A
13 personal needs allowance of not less than \$60 per month, for
14 clothing and other personal needs, shall be deducted from a
15 medical assistance eligible person's gross income, as defined by
16 departmental regulation, for purposes of determining the amount
17 that person must pay toward the cost of skilled health care and
18 intermediate services or intermediate care while residing in a

1 nursing facility.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.