

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1363 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY FREIND, ARTY, BARLEY, BELARDI, BIRMELIN, BLAUM, CAWLEY, CIMINI, CIVERA, CLYMER, DISTLER, FEE, FLICK, FOSTER, GANNON, GRUPPO, HALUSKA, JOHNSON, LANGTRY, LEH, LESCOVITZ, MARKOSEK, McCLATCHY, MRKONIC, O'BRIEN, OLASZ, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PITTS, SERAFINI, STEVENS, E. Z. TAYLOR, TELEK, TIGUE, TRELLO, VROON, WESTON, WOGAN, DOMBROWSKI, CALTAGIRONE, KENNEY, BUSH, MORRIS, LaGROTTA, HERSHEY, BOOK, DONATUCCI, J. TAYLOR, JAROLIN, BOYES, SCHULER AND KOSINSKI, MAY 12, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 12, 1987

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," authorizing a program for
4 the provision of assistance and counseling to women with
5 crisis pregnancies who have chosen to carry their pregnancies
6 to full term; and making an appropriation.

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

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

12 Section 212. Program of Assistance and Counseling for Women
13 with Crisis Pregnancies.--The department shall establish and
14 implement a program for the purchase of services from nonprofit
15 agencies exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
16 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (68A Stat. 3, 26 U.S.C. §
17 501(c)(3)) which exclusively provides assistance and counseling

1 to women faced with crisis pregnancies who have chosen to carry
2 their pregnancies to full term. No funds from this program shall
3 be used for the purchase of services from any agency that
4 conditions its services upon an agreement to place the child for
5 adoption. In order to be eligible for a purchase of services
6 contract authorized under this section, an agency shall
7 establish to the satisfaction of the department that it has been
8 a nonprofit agency as described in this section for at least
9 twelve consecutive months prior to its application for any
10 funding provided to implement this section and that it has, for
11 that same twelve-month period, been exclusively providing
12 counseling and assistance services to pregnant women who choose
13 to carry their pregnancies to full term.

14 Section 2. The sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated, as
15 a continuing, nonlapsing appropriation, to the Department of
16 Public Welfare for the purpose of purchasing the services
17 authorized by section 1 of this act.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.