

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2022 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY GREENFIELD AND PIEVSKY, OCTOBER 27, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 27, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and mental
3 retardation; authorizing county programs and amending,
4 revising and changing the laws relating thereto and making an
5 appropriation," limiting the amount a governmental body may
6 withhold from income of mentally disabled persons.

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

9 Section 1. Section 501, act of October 20, 1966 (3rd
10 Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental
11 Retardation Act of 1966," is amended to read:

12 Section 501. Liability of Mentally Disabled Persons.--
13 Whenever public funds are expended under any provision of this
14 act on behalf of a mentally disabled person, the governmental
15 body expending such funds may recover the same from such person
16 subject to the regulations of the department and for this
17 purpose liability is hereby imposed upon such person admitted,
18 committed or otherwise receiving any service or benefit under
19 this act for all costs, payments or expenditures with reference

1 thereto, including but not being limited to the costs of
2 admission or commitment, transportation, treatment, training,
3 maintenance, complete care, partial care or aftercare and
4 discharge. Mentally disabled persons receiving monthly pension
5 checks shall have no liability other than a maximum of ten
6 percent of their income for services provided or funded by
7 State, county or other governmental agency. An interested and
8 responsible relative or guardian is encouraged to seek priority
9 for determining and channeling the use of the balance of their
10 incomes.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.