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AN ACT

1 Establishing a program for providing smoke detectors to elderly  
2 persons by the use of excess lottery funds.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Smoke  
7 Detectors for Senior Citizens Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Agency." An Area Agency on Aging as designated by the  
13 Department of Aging.

14 "Department." The Department of Aging.

15 "Eligible applicant." A person who is entitled to any  
16 rebate and assistance pursuant to the act of March 11, 1971

1 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and  
2 Assistance Act.

3 "Program." The program of providing smoke detectors to  
4 senior citizens established by this act.

5 Section 3. Purpose.

6 A program is hereby established in which moneys can be  
7 withdrawn from the State Lottery Fund by the department for the  
8 purpose of purchasing smoke detectors to be supplied to elderly  
9 persons through Area Agencies on Aging in order to reduce the  
10 number of fire deaths, injuries and property damage of such  
11 older persons by means of an early warning device altering them  
12 to possible dangers.

13 Section 4. Application.

14 Upon application of an eligible applicant to the agency for  
15 the area in which the applicant resides, the agency shall  
16 provide the applicant with a smoke detector or the number of  
17 smoke detectors deemed appropriate to provide adequate  
18 protection in the type of dwelling in which the applicant  
19 resides. The application shall be in the form prescribed by  
20 regulations of the department and shall include, but not be  
21 limited to, the following:

- 22 (1) The age and income of the applicant.
- 23 (2) The number of persons in the household.
- 24 (3) The name and address of the owner of the dwelling.
- 25 (4) The type of dwelling.
- 26 (5) A release from liability.
- 27 (6) The signature of the applicant.

28 Verification of eligibility shall be in a manner prescribed by  
29 regulation of the department.

30 Section 5. Installation, testing and instruction.

1 Each agency shall arrange for the installation, testing and  
2 instruction on how to use and maintain the smoke detectors.  
3 These services may be performed by personnel of the agency to  
4 the extent that funds are available, or may be performed in  
5 cooperation with volunteer fire companies or other volunteer  
6 agencies willing to participate in the program.

7 Section 6. Purchase and specifications.

8 The department shall prescribe by regulation the manner of  
9 purchase and the specifications for smoke detectors to be  
10 provided under this program.

11 Section 7. Funding.

12 Funding for the program established by this act shall be from  
13 any excess funds existing in the State Lottery Fund after  
14 payment of all obligations arising under the act of March 11,  
15 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and  
16 Assistance Act, and the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217,  
17 No.63), known as the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the  
18 Elderly Act.

19 Section 8. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.