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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, RYBAK, STABACK, CAPPABIANCA, VEON,  
HALUSKA, STEVENS, TRELLO, CARN AND LaGROTTA, JANUARY 28, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JANUARY 28, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare to  
2 provide low-income energy assistance to certain persons.

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

5 Section 1. Legislative purpose.

6 It is the purpose and intent of the General Assembly to give  
7 some relief to every person who is in need of assistance in  
8 paying residential heating bills. Heating one's home is not a  
9 luxury but rather a necessity of life. Many low-income  
10 Pennsylvanians are required to make the choice of eating or  
11 heating their homes. They should be able to do both.

12 Section 2. Appropriation.

13 The sum of \$150,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Public  
15 Welfare for the fiscal year July 1, 1987, to June 30, 1988, to  
16 fund the Federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program,  
17 administered by the department in accordance with Title XXVI of

1 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-35,  
2 95 Stat. 357), as amended. These funds shall be appropriated out  
3 of the surplus funds existing in the General Fund.

4 Section 3. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect immediately.