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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 492**

Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 2, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), entitled  
2 "An act establishing a program of limited pharmaceutical  
3 assistance for the elderly; granting powers to and imposing  
4 duties on the Department of Aging; establishing a payment  
5 system; making provisions for funding; providing for reports;  
6 and fixing penalties for violations of the pharmaceutical  
7 assistance program," extending the definition of "eligible  
8 claimant" to include certain disabled residents of the  
9 Commonwealth who are at least 62 years of age.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The definition of "eligible claimant" in section  
13 3 of the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), known as the  
14 Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Act, is  
15 amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to  
16 read:

17 Section 3. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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4 "Eligible claimant." A resident of the Commonwealth 65 years  
5 of age and over or permanently disabled and 62 years of age and  
6 over, whose annual income is less than the maximum annual  
7 income, and who is not otherwise qualified for public assistance  
8 under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the  
9 Public Welfare Code.

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11 "Permanently disabled." Unable to engage in any work of a  
12 nature generally performed for remuneration or profit, involving  
13 the performance of significant physical or mental duties, or a  
14 combination of both, by reason of a medically diagnosed physical  
15 or mental impairment which is likely to continue indefinitely.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.