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RITTER AND THOMAS, APRIL 19, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 19, 1989

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," further providing for
4 blind pensions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

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

10 Section 506.1. Computation of Income.--Earned income will be
11 computed as follows:

12 (1) Income which a blind person receives from operating a
13 business or farm, or practicing a profession, or as an employee
14 will be designated "earned income." The amount of earned income
15 available to the blind person will be determined by deducting
16 expenses necessary to obtain the income. Personal expenses such
17 as income taxes, social security taxes or occupational taxes

1 will not be deducted. Allowable expenses from the different
2 types of earned income are as follows: (i) from gross wages,
3 commissions and bonuses shall be deducted employment expenses
4 necessary to the type of job, and not paid by the employer, for
5 example, the cost of tools, materials, special uniforms or
6 telephone, the actual cost of transportation to and from
7 employment and the actual cost of guide service or maintenance
8 of a guide dog necessary to the employment; (ii) from gross
9 income from operating a business or farm or practicing a
10 profession, the actual expenses necessary to produce, protect
11 and continue the income shall be deducted; (iii) from gross
12 income received from renting rooms or apartments or furnishing
13 meals, where the blind person is responsible for providing
14 service in addition to the use of space and equipment, the
15 actual expenses necessary to produce, protect and continue the
16 income shall be deducted.

17 (2) If income is derived from renting space or equipment
18 only, the income will not be considered to be earned income and
19 the deductions set forth in the Department of Public Welfare
20 Public Assistance Eligibility Manual regulations shall apply.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.