
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 234 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, OLIVER, BELARDI, PESCI, CARLSON,
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J. L. WRIGHT, HALUSKA, CESSAR, VROON, STISH, TRICH, BELFANTI,
BURD AND VEON, DECEMBER 6, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 6, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Secretary of Public Welfare to make changes in
2 regulations to permit Medical Assistance nursing home
3 patients to retain lottery rent rebates.

4 WHEREAS, Department of Public Welfare regulations promulgated
5 in November of 1988 changed the income provisions under the
6 Medical Assistance program; and

7 WHEREAS, Those changes have had the unintended result of
8 forcing nursing home residents to give up the rent rebate
9 benefits received from the State lottery to offset the
10 Department of Public Welfare's payment for nursing home care;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Medical Assistance nursing home patients relied on
13 receiving this money to help them meet their personal needs; and

14 WHEREAS, For many Medical Assistance nursing home patients,
15 their rent rebate was the only way they could maintain their

1 dignity and self-respect; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly request that the
3 Secretary of Public Welfare change the regulations to categorize
4 rent rebates as items that are not income under 55 Pa. Code §
5 181.81 (relating to items that are not income) to exclude the
6 rent rebate moneys from consideration when patient cost of care
7 for nursing home residents is calculated; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 John F. White, Jr., Secretary of Public Welfare of the
10 Commonwealth.