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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 25, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for programs by
21 the Department of Health for persons suffering from
22 Alzheimer's disease.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
27 section to read:

1 Section 2126. Alzheimer's Disease.--(a) The Department of
2 Health shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

3 (1) To develop a program to provide respite service programs
4 to persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related
5 disorders of aging.

6 (2) To administer the programs, contract with other public
7 or private organizations or make grants to provide services
8 under this section for respite and related services which may
9 include:

10 (i) diagnostic and evaluation programs;

11 (ii) day-care centers;

12 (iii) temporary care in nursing or boarding homes of other
13 institutions; or

14 (iv) in-home visiting or temporary nursing services.

15 (3) To develop rules and regulations to standardize the
16 necessary qualifications of respite service programs for
17 assistance, determine the eligibility of families or individuals
18 for assistance and develop a system of evaluation and review of
19 all programs.

20 (b) No grant, contract or other funding shall be allocated
21 or distributed until the Department of Health has received
22 verification of the existence of private funds committed to the
23 program or service for which the funds are to be allocated. No
24 allocation shall exceed the amount of private funding available.

25 (c) All funds under this section shall be obtained by the
26 Commonwealth as a result of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351,
27 No.91), known as the "State Lottery Law," and shall be available
28 as follows:

29 (1) the Secretary of Revenue shall certify the amount of
30 money which is needed to finance other programs required to be

1 administered under the laws deriving fines from the "State
2 Lottery Law" on the effective date of this act; and

3 (2) any funds in excess of this certified figure may be used
4 for grants for this program up to a maximum of two million
5 dollars (\$2,000,000) in each fiscal year.

6 (d) As used in this section, the term "respite service
7 program" means a program to assist individuals or families who
8 are providing primary care for an individual with Alzheimer's
9 disease or a related disorder of aging by providing temporary
10 care and assistance to the patient, individual or family.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.