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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 7, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility for
3 the Veterans' Emergency Assistance Program.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8503 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8503. Eligibility.

9 (a) Prerequisites.--In order to qualify for the Veterans'
10 Emergency Assistance Program, applicants must demonstrate that:

11 (1) They are eligible veterans or surviving dependents
12 of eligible veterans.

13 (2) They are domiciliaries of Pennsylvania who
14 permanently reside exclusively in this Commonwealth.

15 (3) [They] Except as provided in subsection (b), they
16 are not receiving monetary assistance payable under the act

1 of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare
2 Code.

3 (4) They suffered a sudden or unexpected loss of income
4 or other source of support such that they have a direct and
5 immediate demonstrable financial need for assistance in order
6 to provide themselves and their families with food, shelter,
7 clothing, required medical care and other necessities of
8 life.

9 (b) Exemption.--An individual may be exempt from the
10 prohibition in subsection(a)(3) provided that the commission has
11 deemed the applicant to be suffering from a recent catastrophic
12 situation. For the purpose of this section, catastrophic
13 situation means a sudden or unexpected loss or damage of
14 personal property due to fire, flood or other natural disaster
15 beyond the control of the applicant for emergency assistance.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.