THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 425

Session of 1999

INTRODUCED BY SALVATORE, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

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, " providing for certain
- 4 benefits for persons who are permanently disabled.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Section 443.6 of the act of June 13, 1967
- 8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by
- 9 adding a subsection to read:
- 10 Section 443.6. Reimbursement for Certain Medical Assistance
- 11 Items and Services. -- * * *
- 12 (d.1) A person eighteen years of age or over who is unable
- 13 to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any
- 14 medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can
- 15 be expected to continue indefinitely shall be eliqible to
- 16 receive prescription assistance in the same amount as provided
- 17 <u>for in chapter 5 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91),</u>
- 18 known as the "State Lottery Law," for life-sustaining

- maintenance drugs as determined by the department. Each year the 1
- 2 person with a permanent disability shall submit an affidavit of
- 3 <u>disability or a copy of a document issued by the Social Security</u>
- 4 Administration, which affidavit or document shows that the
- 5 person was so disabled during the previous year.
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- 7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.