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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2533 Session of  
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WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, J. WILLIAMS AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
APRIL 8, 2002

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 8, 2002

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act providing property tax or rent rebate and  
3 inflation dividends to certain senior citizens, widows,  
4 widowers and permanently disabled persons with limited  
5 incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications  
6 for eligibility to receive rebates and dividends; providing  
7 for transportation assistance grants and grants to area  
8 agencies on aging for services to older persons; and imposing  
9 duties upon the Department of Revenue," further defining  
10 "income."

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The definition of "income" in section 3(1) of the  
14 act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior  
15 Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, reenacted and amended  
16 December 21, 1979 (P.L.570, No.131) and amended June 25, 1999  
17 (P.L.226, No.30), is amended to read:

18 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

19 (1) "Income" means all income from whatever source derived,

1 including but not limited to salaries, wages, bonuses,  
2 commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support  
3 money, cash public assistance and relief, the gross amount of  
4 any pensions or annuities including railroad retirement benefits  
5 for calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty per cent of railroad  
6 retirement benefits for calendar years 1999 and thereafter, all  
7 benefits received under the Federal Social Security Act (except  
8 Medicare benefits) for calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty  
9 per cent of all benefits received under the Federal Social  
10 Security Act (except Medicare benefits) for calendar years 1999  
11 and thereafter, the gross amount of retirement benefits received  
12 by Federal retirees who by virtue of that retirement status are  
13 ineligible for benefits under the Federal Social Security Act  
14 for calendar years prior to 2002, and fifty per cent of  
15 retirement benefits received by Federal retirees who by virtue  
16 of that retirement status are ineligible for benefits under the  
17 Federal Social Security Act for calendar years 2002 and  
18 thereafter, all benefits received under State unemployment  
19 insurance laws [and] for years prior to 2002, all veterans'  
20 disability payments and fifty per cent of all veterans'  
21 disability payments for years 2002 and thereafter, all interest  
22 received from the Federal or any State government, or any  
23 instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, realized  
24 capital gains, rentals, workmen's compensation and the gross  
25 amount of loss of time insurance benefits, life insurance  
26 benefits and proceeds (except the first five thousand dollars  
27 (\$5,000) of the total of death benefit payments), and gifts of  
28 cash or property (other than transfers by gift between members  
29 of a household) in excess of a total value of three hundred  
30 dollars (\$300), but shall not include surplus food or other

1 relief in kind supplied by a governmental agency or property tax  
2 or rent rebate or inflation dividend.

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