THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 51

Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY EARLL, M. WHITE, KUKOVICH, SCHWARTZ, CONTI, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES AND KITCHEN, JANUARY 23, 2001

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, JUNE 18, 2001

AN ACT

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

- 22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 23 hereby enacts as follows:
- 24 Section 1. Section 2301 of the act of April 9, 1929
- 25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
- 26 amended July 13, 1957 (P.L.852, No.390), is amended to read:

- 1 Section 2301. Powers and Duties in General. -- (a) The
- 2 Department of Public Welfare shall, subject to any inconsistent
- 3 provisions in this act contained, continue to exercise the
- 4 powers and perform the duties by law vested in and imposed upon
- 5 the said department, the Secretary of Public Welfare, and the
- 6 former Department of Public Welfare, and Commissioner of Public
- 7 Welfare, and the former Department of Welfare.
- 8 (b) Pursuant to the authorization provided to the states
- 9 under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
- 10 Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193, 21 U.S.C. §
- 11 862a(d)(1)(A)), Pennsylvania elects to exempt all individuals
- 12 <u>domiciled in the State from application of 21 U.S.C. § 862a(a).</u>
- 13 After approval of benefits, the Department of Public Welfare
- 14 shall refer all affected individuals for assessment and
- 15 treatment pursuant to the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221,
- 16 No.63), known as the "Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- 17 Control Act." THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ALTER OR <---
- 18 SUPERSEDE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 405.1 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 13,
- 19 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN AS THE "PUBLIC WELFARE CODE."
- 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.