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YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 29, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 29, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money
3 received by he Commonwealth from the Master Settlement
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," further
14 providing for the definition of "eligible adult."

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. The definition of "eligible adult" in section
18 1302 of the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the
19 Tobacco Settlement Act, is amended to read:

20 Section 1302. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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5 "Eligible adult." A low-income adult who meets all of the
6 following:

7 (1) Legally resides within the United States.

8 (2) Has been domiciled in this Commonwealth for at least
9 90 days prior to enrollment.

10 (3) Is not covered by a health insurance plan, a self-
11 insurance plan or a self-funded plan.

12 [(4) Has not been covered by a health insurance plan, a
13 self-insurance plan or a self-funded plan during the three
14 months immediately preceding the determination of eligibility
15 except when one of the following apply:

16 (i) The low-income adult is eligible to receive
17 benefits pursuant to the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd
18 Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment
19 Compensation Law.

20 (ii) The low-income adult was covered under one of
21 the above plans but at the time of application for
22 coverage is no longer employed and is ineligible to
23 receive benefits pursuant to the Unemployment
24 Compensation Law.

25 (iii) The low-income adult is the spouse of a person
26 who meets either of the exceptions set forth in
27 subparagraph (i) or (ii) and both the eligible adult and
28 the spouse are low income and applying for coverage.]

29 (5) Is ineligible for medical assistance or Medicare.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.