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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
JUNE 27, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1999 (P.L.884, No.54), entitled
2 "An act relating to the licensure and regulation of pediatric
3 extended care centers in this Commonwealth," providing for
4 definitions; and further providing for regulations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 24, 1999
8 (P.L.884, No.54), known as the Prescribed Pediatric Extended
9 Care Centers Act, is amended by adding definitions to read:

10 Section 3. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Medical assistance." The State program of medical
16 assistance established under subdivision (f) of Article IV of
17 the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public

1 Welfare Code.

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3 "Necessary transportation." Transportation reasonably
4 necessary or required to transport a medically dependent or
5 technologically dependent child, taking into consideration the
6 medical condition or other needs of the child. Necessary
7 transportation may include ambulance transportation when the
8 condition of the child makes ambulance service medically
9 necessary.

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11 "Transportation zone." The geographical area comprised of
12 the county in which a PECC is physically located, each adjoining
13 county and each county immediately contiguous to the adjoining
14 counties.

15 Section 2. Section 15(b) of the act is amended by adding a
16 paragraph to read:

17 Section 15. Regulations.

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19 (b) Requirements.--

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21 (1.1) The PECC shall provide, directly or through other
22 arrangements, necessary transportation to and from the PECC
23 for medically dependent or technologically dependent children
24 who are eligible for medical assistance and live in the
25 transportation zone in which the PECC is located. The
26 department shall pay the costs of the transportation.

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28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.