THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1349 Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY L. I. COHEN, YOUNGBLOOD, MARKOSEK, READSHAW, B. SMITH, SHANER, LYNCH, MILLER, TRELLO, JAMES, HORSEY, DENT, NAILOR, LEVDANSKY, C. WILLIAMS, WAUGH, BELFANTI, SCHRODER, TIGUE, E. Z. TAYLOR, SEMMEL, BROWNE, BENNINGHOFF, CIVERA, ITKIN, PISTELLA, BOSCOLA, PRESTON AND COY, APRIL 17, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 17, 1997

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 2 3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, 4 5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 10 penalties," excluding from sales tax certain equipment used 11 by the blind. 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. Section 204 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, 15 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by 16 adding a clause to read: 17 Section 204. Exclusions from Tax. -- The tax imposed by 18 section 202 shall not be imposed upon 19 20 (53) The sale at retail or use of equipment which

facilitates reading and communicating, including computer and

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- 1 related equipment, by persons who are blind or visually impaired
- 2 <u>as those terms are defined under the act of (P.L.</u>
- 3 ____, No. ___) known as the Blindness and Visual Impairment Act.
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.