

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1248 Session of
2008

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REFERRED TO FINANCE, JANUARY 15, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5 participation, for other school district options and for a
6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10 and making related repeals," providing for home heating
11 relief.

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

14 Section 1. The title of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st
15 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, is
16 amended to read:

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18 Providing for taxation by school districts, for the State funds
19 formula, for tax relief in first class cities, for school
20 district choice and voter participation, for other school
21 district options and for a task force on school cost
22 reduction; making an appropriation; prohibiting prior

1 authorized taxation; providing for installment payment of
2 taxes; restricting the power of certain school districts to
3 levy, assess and collect taxes; providing for a home heating
4 rebate; and making related repeals.

5 Section 2. Section 101 of the act is amended to read:

6 Section 101. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Taxpayer and
8 Home Heating Relief Act.

9 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 1314. Home heating rebate.

11 (a) Certification.--No later than February 7, 2008, and
12 January 7 of each year thereafter, the secretary shall, by
13 December 31 of the preceding year, certify the amount of funds
14 remaining in the State Lottery Fund not expended on claims
15 approved under section 1304. The secretary shall do all of the
16 following:

17 (1) Provide notice of any amount certified to the
18 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of
19 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
20 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives and the
21 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

22 (2) Submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau the
23 amount certified and the availability of the funds for
24 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

25 (3) Place the amount certified and the availability of
26 the funds on the department's Internet website.

27 (b) Qualification.--If the secretary makes a certification
28 under subsection (a), a claimant may qualify for an additional
29 rebate which shall be in addition to any claim paid to the
30 claimant under section 1304. The additional rebate shall be used

1 to offset the cost of home heating fuels as defined under
2 section 2603(3) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
3 1981 (Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. § 8622(3)).

4 (c) Process.--A claimant under this section shall apply for
5 the funds no later than June 30 of the year in which the
6 secretary makes a certification under subsection (a) under a
7 process established by the secretary.

8 (d) Amount.--The amount of additional rebates to claimants
9 shall be determined by the secretary based on the amount
10 certified under subsection (a).

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