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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 29, 1983

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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Senior Center Grant Program; providing for  
2 grants to senior centers; imposing powers and duties on the  
3 Department of Aging; and making an appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Senior Center  
8 Grant Program Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Area agency on aging." An agency designated by the  
14 Department of Aging to administer and develop an area plan for a

1 comprehensive and coordinated system of services for older  
2 people within the boundaries of a defined planning and service  
3 area.

4 "Department." The Department of Aging.

5 "Program." Senior Center Grant Program.

6 "Senior center." A facility where older people gather and  
7 where services are delivered in accordance with the policies and  
8 standards promulgated by the department.

9 Section 3. Establishment of program.

10 There is hereby established the Senior Center Grant Program.  
11 The purpose of the program shall be to provide a one-time grant  
12 to senior centers for the rehabilitation and renovation of  
13 senior centers.

14 Section 4. Operation and administration of the program.

15 (a) Department.--The program shall be operated and  
16 administered by the department.

17 (b) Applications.--Grant applications shall be developed by  
18 the department and distributed to all area agencies on aging.  
19 The regional area agency on aging shall assist the senior center  
20 applying for a grant under this act in completing the  
21 applications and verify, in writing, on the grant application  
22 that the application complies with all the requirements of  
23 section 5. The area agency on aging shall then forward the  
24 application to the department for their approval.

25 Section 5. Grant requirements.

26 (a) Eligibility.--Grants shall be given by the department to  
27 applying senior centers provided the grant is for any or all of  
28 the following purposes:

29 (1) To comply with applicable Federal, State or local  
30 safety standards and other laws so designated by the

department in directives.

(2) To maintain the senior center in a condition that provides for the health, welfare and safety of senior citizens as determined by directives promulgated by the department.

(3) To modify the senior center to make it accessible to the handicapped as determined by directives promulgated by the department.

Section 6. Powers and duties of department.

The powers and duties of the department shall be to:

(1) Accept grants from the Federal Government and any other individual, agency or government for use in the program.

(2) Promulgate such rules, regulations and directives as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 7. Appropriation.

For the fiscal year 1983-1984, the sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the State Lottery Fund to the Department of Aging for the Senior Center Grant Program. Eight million dollars is to be used for rehabilitation and renovation grants to senior centers. The remaining \$2,000,000 shall be withheld by the Department of Aging for disposition at the discretion of the secretary.

Section 8. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.