
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1493 Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY CIMINI, LETTERMAN AND SALOOM, OCTOBER 3, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 3, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," requiring able-bodied
4 recipients to assist others in emergencies and disasters.

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

7 Section 1. Section 405 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
8 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended to read:

9 Section 405. Regulations as to Community Work and
10 Training.--(a) The department shall establish rules,
11 regulations and standards, consistent with the Federal Social
12 Security Act and regulations issued thereunder, for
13 administration by local boards of community work and training
14 programs for employable recipients of assistance. The conditions
15 applicable to work performed by employable recipients of general
16 assistance shall be the same as those pertaining to recipients
17 of assistance for which Federal financial participation is
18 available to the Commonwealth, except that work required to be

1 performed by recipients of general assistance may be work for a
2 public or nonprofit private agency. Any agency for which work is
3 performed under the provisions of this section shall reimburse
4 the persons performing such work for any additional expenses
5 reasonably attributable to such work, and for which provisions
6 are not made in the assistance grant or shall make provision for
7 meeting the needs for which such expenses would be incurred, to
8 the same extent and in the same manner that provision for
9 meeting such expenses or needs is made under rules and
10 regulations of the department in the case of other adult
11 assistance recipients who are employed. Such work shall be of a
12 constructive nature for the conservation of work skills and
13 development of new skills for individuals who have attained the
14 age of eighteen, and are receiving aid to families with
15 dependent children or general assistance under conditions which
16 are designed to assure protection of the health and welfare of
17 such individuals and the dependent children involved.

18 (b) The department shall, when requested by the State
19 Council of Civil Defense, provide a list of able-bodied
20 recipients of assistance from such areas of the Commonwealth as
21 the council shall request. The department may exclude from the
22 list those able-bodied recipients who are themselves involved in
23 the emergency or disaster or who are caring for other persons
24 not able to care for themselves. All able-bodied recipients
25 listed shall assist others in emergency or disaster areas as the
26 Director of Civil Defense shall direct. The Director of Civil
27 Defense shall coordinate the assignment, transportation and
28 supervision of the recipients. All departments and agencies of
29 the State government and all municipalities and school districts
30 of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the Director of Civil

1 Defense in transportation, providing food, shelter, appropriate
2 clothing and equipment and supervising the duties assigned to
3 the recipients. Any able-bodied recipient who fails to perform
4 his or her assignment shall not be eligible for assistance
5 payments for a period equal to the time other recipients are
6 assigned to emergency or disaster relief work.

7 Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
8 as they are inconsistent with this act.

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