
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 765

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MELLOW, O'PAKE, MUSTO, SINGEL, HELFRICK,
ANDREZESKI AND STOUT, MAY 26, 1983

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 26, 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," excluding any increase in
4 certain benefits in determining income eligibility for amount
5 of State blind pensions.

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

8 Section 1. The last paragraph of section 506 of the act of
9 June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code,
10 amended June 21, 1977 (P.L.18, No.14), is amended to read:

11 Section 506. Eligibility.--* * *

12 With respect to the determination of eligibility for State
13 blind pension, the value of real property shall be deemed to be
14 its assessed value minus encumbrances but in no case shall the
15 assessed value be more than thirty percent of the official
16 market value; the value of personal property shall be deemed to
17 be its actual value; and interest in property owned by the
18 entireties shall be deemed to be a one-half interest.

19 Determination of the amount of an applicant's income and the

1 value of his property shall be made by the department without
2 regard to any Federal laws or regulations respecting income and
3 resources of applicants for aid to the blind. The valuation of
4 real property for the purposes of clause (4) shall not be
5 increased by reason of reassessment, except to the extent that
6 the real property has been actually enlarged or improved.
7 Determination of the amount of an applicant's income shall
8 exclude any increase in (i) social security payments to him
9 provided under Federal law and taking effect subsequent to
10 January 1, 1971; (ii) railroad retirement benefits provided to
11 him under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, 45 U.S.C. § 228
12 et seq., and taking effect subsequent to January 1, 1976; [and]
13 (iii) veterans' benefits provided to him and administered by the
14 Veterans' Administration and taking effect subsequent to January
15 1, 1976; and (iv) black lung benefits provided to him and
16 administered by the United States Department of Labor or the
17 Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.