

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 952

Session of 1983

INTRODUCED BY SHUMAKER, REIBMAN, HOPPER, BELL, MELLOW, JUBELIRER, EARLY, KUSSE, PECORA, CORMAN, WILT, BRIGHTBILL, LINCOLN, KELLEY, SINGEL, WILLIAMS, LYNCH, BODACK, WENGER, KRATZER, HELFRICK, RHOADES, STREET, MOORE, HOLL, FISHER, LOEPER, SHAFFER, SNYDER, O'CONNELL, HESS, MUSTO, ANDREZESKI, ROCKS, ROSS, STAPLETON, FUMO, HANKINS AND LLOYD, JULY 20, 1983

SENATOR TILGHMAN, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 6, 1984

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," providing for an increase  
4 in individual ceilings for allowable net operating costs for  
5 intermediate care facilities; AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS. <—

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

8 Section 1. Section 443.1 of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by  
10 adding a clause to read:

11 Section 443.1. Medical Assistance Payments for Institutional  
12 Care.--The following medical assistance payments shall be made  
13 in behalf of eligible persons whose institutional care is  
14 prescribed by physicians:

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16 (5) Individual ceilings for allowable net operating per diem  
17 costs established for the various intermediate care facilities

1 for the fiscal year 1983-1984 shall be increased at a minimum by  
2 six percent. THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NET OPERATING REIMBURSEMENT <—  
3 CEILINGS FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 1983-1984 SHOULD BE COMPUTED  
4 FOLLOWING THE SAME METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE 1982-1983 CEILINGS.  
5 NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE GEOGRAPHIC  
6 GROUPINGS. The nursing staff allowance recognized for medical  
7 assistance reimbursement shall be three and five-tenths nursing  
8 hours for skilled nursing facility services and three nursing  
9 hours for intermediate care. It is the intent of the General  
10 Assembly that the increase is necessary to maintain appropriate  
11 care for patients whose services have been redefined by the  
12 department's regulations of January 8, 1983 pertaining to levels  
13 of care. Individual ceilings for the intermediate care  
14 facilities for the fiscal year 1983-1984 shall be increased a  
15 minimum of six percent from the ceilings in effect for the  
16 fiscal year 1982-1983.

17 ~~Section 2. Any funds in the State Lottery Fund not required~~ <—  
18 ~~for programs for which the money in the fund is otherwise used~~  
19 ~~are hereby appropriated to the Department of Welfare for payment~~  
20 ~~of the increase in allowable net operating costs for~~  
21 ~~intermediate care facilities as provided by this act.~~

22 SECTION 2. (A) THE SUM OF \$7,800,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS <—  
23 MAY BE NECESSARY, IS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF PUBLIC WELFARE FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984  
25 FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

26 (B) THE SUM OF \$9,929,000 IS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED TO  
27 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE FROM THE FEDERAL AUGMENTATION  
28 FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT THE SUM APPROPRIATED FROM COMMONWEALTH  
29 REVENUES FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES  
30 TO PATIENTS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

1       (C) THE APPROPRIATIONS IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) SHALL BE  
2 IN ADDITION TO ANY SUMS APPROPRIATED IN THE ACT OF JULY 11, 1983  
3 (NO.2A), KNOWN AS THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1983, AND THE  
4 ACT OF JULY 21, 1983 (NO.7A), KNOWN AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL  
5 APPROPRIATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983-1984.

6       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.