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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," further providing for
4 eligibility for public assistance.

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

7 Section 1. Section 432.2(b) of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended April
9 8, 1982 (P.L.231, No.75), is amended and the section is amended
10 by adding a subsection to read:

11 Section 432.2. Determination of Eligibility.--* * *

12 (b) As a condition of eligibility for assistance, all
13 applicants and recipients of assistance shall cooperate with the
14 department in providing and verifying information necessary for
15 the department to determine initial or continued eligibility in
16 accordance with the provisions of this act. An individual
17 applying for assistance shall complete an application containing
18 such information required to establish eligibility and amount of

1 grant. The application shall include, but not be limited to, the
2 following information:

3 (1) Names of all persons to receive aid;

4 (2) Birth dates of all persons to receive aid;

5 (3) Social security numbers of all persons to receive aid,
6 or proof of application for such social security number;

7 (4) Place of residence for all persons to receive aid;

8 (5) The names of any legally responsible relative living in
9 the home;

10 (6) Any income or resources as defined in this act or in
11 regulations promulgated pursuant to this act[.];

12 (7) A telephone number where the applicant or recipient can
13 be reached.

14 The department shall provide assistance as needed to complete
15 the application and shall insure that all applicants or
16 recipients have or promptly obtain a social security number.

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18 (f) As a further condition on continued eligibility for
19 assistance, all applicants and recipients of assistance shall
20 cooperate with the department in an educational program
21 involving resource management skills and developing an ability
22 to set budget priorities in order to maximize the use of
23 assistance payments. In addition, applicants and recipients of
24 assistance shall participate in public utility budget plans, if
25 available.

26 Section 2. Section 432.5 of the act is amended by adding
27 subsections to read:

28 Section 432.5. Limits on Property Holdings.--* * *

29 (g) A recipient who purchases telephone service beyond basic
30 service is ineligible for assistance.

1 (h) Any assistance unit which has more than two household
2 pets within the assistance unit shall be ineligible for
3 assistance. For purposes of this subsection, a household pet
4 means a domestic animal that is kept inside a household for more
5 than one hour per day or is fed on a regular basis by any member
6 of the assistance unit.

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