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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND AGING, MAY 22, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), entitled
2 "An act establishing a program of limited pharmaceutical
3 assistance for the elderly; granting powers to and imposing
4 duties on the Department of Aging; establishing a payment
5 system; making provisions for funding; providing for reports;
6 and fixing penalties for violations of the pharmaceutical
7 assistance program," further defining "income" to exclude
8 certain primary health insurance payments.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The definition of "income" in section 3 of the
12 act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), known as the
13 Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Act, is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 3. Definitions.

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

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5 "Income." All income from whatever source derived, including
6 but not limited to salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, income
7 from self-employment, alimony, support money, cash public
8 assistance and relief, the gross amount of any pensions or
9 annuities including railroad retirement benefits, all benefits
10 received under the Federal Social Security Act (except Medicare
11 benefits), all benefits received under State unemployment
12 insurance laws and veterans' disability payments, all interest
13 received from the Federal Government or any state government, or
14 any instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, realized
15 capital gains, rentals, workmen's compensation and the gross
16 amount of loss of time insurance benefits, life insurance
17 benefits and proceeds, except the first \$5,000 of the total of
18 death benefits payments, and gifts of cash or property, other
19 than transfers by gift between members of a household, in excess
20 of a total value of \$300, but shall not include surplus food or
21 other relief in kind supplied by a government agency or property
22 tax rebate. The term "income" shall exclude any sums deducted
23 from Federal Social Security benefits for Medicare coverage and
24 any sums paid for health or hospitalization insurance coverage
25 to a primary provider.

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27 Section 2. This act shall apply to income for the calendar
28 year 1990.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.