THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 934

Session of 1991

INTRODUCED BY MAYERNIK, KOSINSKI, FARGO, HARPER, PESCI, CAWLEY,
McCALL, FREEMAN, PISTELLA, SAURMAN, BILLOW, LAUGHLIN, CIVERA,
HALUSKA, SERAFINI, BUNT, GIGLIOTTI AND E. Z. TAYLOR,
APRIL 2, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 2, 1991

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
- 3 when a family exemption is allowable.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 3121 of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 3121. When allowable.
- 9 The spouse of any decedent dying domiciled in the
- 10 Commonwealth, and if there be no spouse, or if he has forfeited
- 11 his rights, then such children as are members of the same
- 12 household as the decedent, and, in the event there are no such
- 13 children, then the parent or parents of the decedent who are
- 14 members of the same household as the decedent, and, in the event
- 15 there is no such parent or parents, then the grandchild or
- 16 grandchildren of the decedent who are members of the same
- 17 <u>household as the decedent</u>, may retain or claim as an exemption

- 1 either real or personal property, or both, not theretofore sold
- 2 by the personal representative, to the value of \$2,000:
- 3 Provided, That property specifically devised or bequeathed by
- 4 the decedent, or otherwise specifically disposed of by him, may
- 5 not be so retained or claimed if other assets are available for
- 6 the exemption. The surviving husband or wife shall be a
- 7 competent witness as to all matters pertinent to the issue of
- 8 forfeiture of the right to exemption.
- 9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.