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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL  
No. 2241 Session of  
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McCALL, KASUNIC, KRUSZEWSKI, RICHARDSON AND McHUGH,  
DECEMBER 9, 1991

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DECEMBER 9, 1991

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for payment of utility bills  
3 by senior citizens.

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

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1509.1. Senior citizens.

9 (a) General rule.--A public utility shall permit a senior  
10 citizen to submit payment for a utility bill on a time schedule  
11 coordinated with the periodic receipt of funds from Social  
12 Security, railroad retirement, public assistance or other  
13 similar public or private retirement or assistance program.

14 (b) Late payment.--When there is a delay in the receipt of  
15 any funds described in subsection (a), the public utility shall  
16 not require payment of its bill until the senior citizen  
17 receives these funds.

1     (c) Notice.--The commission shall give a written notice to  
2     senior citizens explaining their rights under subsections (a)  
3     and (b).

4     (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "senior  
5     citizen" means a person 65 years of age or older.

6     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.