THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 21, 1993

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," creating the Assistance
4   Recipient Identification Program.

5   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

6 hereby enacts as follows:

7   Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known

8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to

9 read:

10   Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--

11 (a) There is hereby created a pilot program within the

12 department to be known as the Welfare Recipient Identification

13 Program.

14   (b) The purpose of the program is to eliminate duplication

15 of assistance to recipients.

16   (c) The department shall select three counties in this

17 Commonwealth representing rural, suburban and urban areas to

1 participate in this program.

2   (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance

3 shall participate in the program. The person shall be finger-

4 photo identified.

5   (e) It is a violation for a person in the program to acquire

6 or attempt to acquire duplication of assistance.

7   (f) Absent a court order, only the Department of Public

8 Welfare shall have access to records under this program.

9   (g) The department shall make a report to the General

10 Assembly one year after the effective date of this act. The

11 report shall include caseload data before implementation of this

12 section as well as after one year for comparison purposes to

13 judge the programs's effectiveness at fraud deterrence.

14   (h) As used in this section, "program" shall mean the

15 Assistance Recipient Identification Program.

16   (i) This section shall expire one year after the effective

17 date of this act.

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