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YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act providing property tax or rent rebate and
3 inflation dividends to certain senior citizens, widows,
4 widowers and permanently disabled persons with limited
5 incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications
6 for eligibility to receive rebates and dividends; providing
7 for transportation assistance grants and grants to area
8 agencies on aging for services to older persons; and imposing
9 duties upon the Department of Revenue," further defining
10 "income."

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 3(1) of the act of March 11, 1971
14 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and
15 Assistance Act, reenacted and amended December 21, 1979
16 (P.L.570, No.131) and amended June 25, 1999 (P.L.226, No.30), is
17 amended to read:

1 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

2 (1) "Income" means all income from whatever source derived,
3 including but not limited to salaries, wages, bonuses,
4 commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support
5 money, cash public assistance and relief, the gross amount of
6 any pensions or annuities including railroad retirement benefits
7 for calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty per cent of railroad
8 retirement benefits for calendar years 1999 and thereafter, and
9 fifty per cent of benefits received from a Federal pension which
10 is received in lieu of social security benefits for calendar
11 years 1999 and thereafter, all benefits received under the
12 Federal Social Security Act (except Medicare benefits) for
13 calendar years prior to 1999, and fifty per cent of all benefits
14 received under the Federal Social Security Act (except Medicare
15 benefits) for calendar years 1999 and thereafter, all benefits
16 received under State unemployment insurance laws and veterans'
17 disability payments, all interest received from the Federal or
18 any State government, or any instrumentality or political
19 subdivision thereof, realized capital gains, rentals, workmen's
20 compensation and the gross amount of loss of time insurance
21 benefits, life insurance benefits and proceeds (except the first
22 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the total of death benefit
23 payments), and gifts of cash or property (other than transfers
24 by gift between members of a household) in excess of a total
25 value of three hundred dollars (\$300), but shall not include
26 surplus food or other relief in kind supplied by a governmental
27 agency or property tax or rent rebate or inflation dividend.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.