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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

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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 providing for  
10 definitions and for funds for payment; and making a repeal.

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) is amended to read:

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

1       (1) "Income" means all income from whatever source derived,  
2 including but not limited to salaries, wages, bonuses,  
3 commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support  
4 money, cash public assistance and relief, the gross amount of  
5 any pensions or annuities including railroad retirement benefits  
6 for calendar years prior to 2001, and fifty per cent of railroad  
7 retirement benefits for calendar years 2001 and thereafter, all  
8 benefits received under the Federal Social Security Act (except  
9 Medicare benefits) for calendar years prior to 2001, and fifty  
10 per cent of all benefits received under the Federal Social  
11 Security Act (except Medicare benefits) for calendar years 2001  
12 and thereafter, fifty per cent of all benefits received under  
13 any Federal pension plan, all benefits received under State  
14 unemployment insurance laws and veterans' disability payments,  
15 all interest received from the Federal or any State government,  
16 or any instrumentality or political subdivision thereof,  
17 realized capital gains, rentals, workmen's compensation and the  
18 gross amount of loss of time insurance benefits, life insurance  
19 benefits and proceeds (except the first five thousand dollars  
20 (\$5,000) of the total of death benefit payments), and gifts of  
21 cash or property (other than transfers by gift between members  
22 of a household) in excess of a total value of three hundred  
23 dollars (\$300), but shall not include surplus food or other  
24 relief in kind supplied by a governmental agency or property tax  
25 or rent rebate or inflation dividend.

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27       Section 2. The amendment of section 3(1) of the act shall  
28 apply to claims filed for calendar years after 2000.

29       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.