

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1408 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY GRUCELA, ADOLPH, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BUNT, CAPPELLI, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GERGELY, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HESS, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, LEH, LEWIS, MANN, MICOZZIE, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, MUNDY, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SURRA, TANGRETTI, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND YUDICHAK, MAY 7, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 7, 2003

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) and amended June 25, 1999 (P.L.226, No.30), is
17 amended to read:

18 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 [1999] 2003, and fifty per cent of
7 railroad retirement benefits for calendar years [1999] 2003 and
8 thereafter, all benefits received under the Federal Social
9 Security Act (except Medicare benefits) for calendar years prior
10 to [1999] 2003, and fifty per cent of all benefits received
11 under the Federal Social Security Act (except Medicare benefits)
12 for calendar years [1999] 2003 and thereafter, fifty per cent of
13 all benefits received under any Federal pension plan, all
14 benefits received under State unemployment insurance laws and
15 veterans' disability payments, all interest received from the
16 Federal or any State government, or any instrumentality or
17 political subdivision thereof, realized capital gains, rentals,
18 workmen's compensation and the gross amount of loss of time
19 insurance benefits, life insurance benefits and proceeds (except
20 the first five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the total of death
21 benefit payments), and gifts of cash or property (other than
22 transfers by gift between members of a household) in excess of a
23 total value of three hundred dollars (\$300), but shall not
24 include surplus food or other relief in kind supplied by a
25 governmental agency or property tax or rent rebate or inflation
26 dividend.

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28 Section 2. The amendment of section 3(1) of the act shall
29 apply to claims filed for calendar years after 2002.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.