

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 31, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for programs by  
21 the Department of Health for persons suffering from  
22 Alzheimer's disease.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
27 section to read:

1     Section 2126. Alzheimer's Disease Programs.--(a) The  
2     Department of Health shall have the power, and its duty shall  
3     be:

4     (1) To develop a program to provide respite service programs  
5     to persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related  
6     disorders of aging.

7     (2) To administer the programs, contract with other public  
8     or private organizations or make grants to provide services  
9     under this section for respite and related services which may  
10    include:

11     (i) diagnostic and evaluation programs;

12     (ii) day-care centers;

13     (iii) temporary care in nursing or boarding homes of other  
14    institutions; or

15     (iv) in-home visiting or temporary nursing services.

16     (3) To develop rules and regulations to standardize the  
17    necessary qualifications of respite service programs for  
18    assistance, determine the eligibility of families or individuals  
19    for assistance and develop a system of evaluation and review of  
20    all programs.

21     (b) No grant, contract or other funding shall be allocated  
22    or distributed until the Department of Health has received  
23    verification of the existence of private funds committed to the  
24    program or service for which the funds are to be allocated. No  
25    allocation shall exceed the amount of private funding available.

26     (c) As used in this section, the term "respite service  
27    program" means a program to assist individuals or families who  
28    are providing primary care for an individual with Alzheimer's  
29    disease or a related disorder of aging by providing temporary  
30    care and assistance to the patient, individual or family.

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