
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 20, 2007

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 or 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.