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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 29, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5 participation, for other school district options and for a
6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10 and making related repeals," in senior citizens property tax
11 and rent rebate assistance, further providing for the
12 definition of "income."

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The definition of "income" in section 1303 of the
16 act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as
17 the Taxpayer Relief Act, is amended to read:

18 Section 1303. Definitions.

19 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
20 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
21 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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23 "Income." All income from whatever source derived,

1 including, but not limited to:

2 (1) Salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, income from
3 self-employment, alimony, support money, cash public
4 assistance and relief.

5 (2) The gross amount of any pensions or annuities,
6 including railroad retirement benefits for calendar years
7 prior to 1999 and 50% of railroad retirement benefits for
8 calendar years 1999 and thereafter.

9 (3) All benefits received under the Social Security Act
10 (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.), except Medicare
11 benefits, for calendar years prior to 1999, and 50% of all
12 benefits received under the Social Security Act, except
13 Medicare benefits, for calendar years 1999 and thereafter.

14 (4) All benefits received under State unemployment
15 insurance laws and veterans' disability payments.

16 (5) All interest received from the Federal or any state
17 government or any instrumentality or political subdivision
18 thereof.

19 (6) Realized capital gains and rentals.

20 (7) Workers' compensation.

21 (8) The gross amount of loss of time insurance benefits,
22 life insurance benefits and proceeds, except the first \$5,000
23 of the total of death benefit payments.

24 (9) Gifts of cash or property, other than transfers by
25 gift between members of a household, in excess of a total
26 value of \$300.

27 The term does not include surplus food or other relief in kind
28 supplied by a governmental agency, property tax or rent rebate
29 or inflation dividend. Income shall be reduced by the face

30 amount of property taxes paid by the claimant on the claimant's

1 primary residence regardless of whether the taxes were paid in
2 the discount, face or penalty period.

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