

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 300 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY DEAN, KINSEY, V. BROWN, McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG,  
BARRAR, BULLOCK, ROZZI, MURT, LONGIETTI, READSHAW, FREEMAN,  
SCHWEYER, SOLOMON AND GILLEN, AUGUST 24, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 24, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,  
4 further providing for personal needs allowance deduction for  
5 medical assistance-eligible persons in nursing facilities.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 443.8 of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 443.8. Personal Needs Allowance Deduction for  
12 Medical Assistance-Eligible Persons in Nursing Facilities.--

13 [(a)] A personal needs allowance of not less than [forty  
14 dollars (\$40)] sixty-five dollars (\$65) per month, for clothing  
15 and other personal needs, shall be deducted from a medical  
16 assistance-eligible person's gross income, as defined by  
17 departmental regulation, for purposes of determining the amount  
18 that person must pay toward the cost of skilled health care and  
19 intermediate services or intermediate care while residing in a

1 nursing facility.

2 [(b) The personal needs allowance under subsection (a) shall  
3 be increased to not less than forty-five dollars (\$45) beginning  
4 July 1, 2007.]

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