

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CORR, SACCONI, METZGAR, DUNBAR, RYAN, MILLARD,  
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 TOPPER, B. MILLER, WARD, KAUFER, ORTITAY AND SANKEY,  
 JUNE 23, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 23, 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 verification system.

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

7 Section 1. Section 432.23 of the act of June 13, 1967  
 8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by  
 9 adding subsections to read:

10 Section 432.23. Verification System.--\* \* \*

11 (b.1) Benefits may not be approved or continued for an  
 12 individual who is:

13 (1) Receiving or attempting to receive medical assistance  
 14 under a deceased individual's Social Security number.

15 (2) Receiving or attempting to receive medical assistance  
 16 using a fraudulent Social Security number or a Social Security  
 17 number that does not belong to the individual.

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2 (c.1) The department shall establish a method to be used no  
3 less than once each calendar month to cross-reference the  
4 department's roster of recipients with the death records  
5 information maintained by the Social Security Administration and  
6 the Department of Health. A recipient who is found to have a  
7 death record shall be subject to an immediate cancellation of  
8 benefits, including the deactivation of the individual's benefit  
9 card if no one in the household is receiving benefits in  
10 connection with the recipient and upon certification that the  
11 identity of the recipient matches the identity of the person  
12 named in the death certificate.

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