

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2629 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, KRAJEWSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, FRANKEL, HOHENSTEIN, KINKEAD, SANCHEZ, GUENST, SIMS, CEPHAS, FITZGERALD, HANBIDGE, RABB, STURLA, ISAACSON, KINSEY, COVINGTON, INNAMORATO, O'MARA, DALEY, VITALI AND HOWARD, MAY 27, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 27, 2022

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 repealing provisions relating to expenditure of public funds
5 for abortions limited.

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

8 Section 1. Section 453 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is repealed:

10 [Section 453. Expenditure of Public Funds for Abortions
11 Limited.--Since it is the public policy of the Commonwealth to
12 favor childbirth over abortion, no Commonwealth funds and no
13 Federal funds which are appropriated by the Commonwealth shall
14 be expended by any State or local government agency for the
15 performance of abortion: Provided, That nothing in this act
16 shall be construed to deny the use of funds where a physician
17 has certified in writing that the life of the mother would be
18 endangered if the fetus were carried to full term or except for

1 such medical procedures necessary for the victims of rape or
2 incest when such rape or incest has been reported promptly to a
3 law enforcement agency or public health service. Nothing
4 contained in this section shall be interpreted to restrict or
5 limit in any way, appropriations, made by the Commonwealth or a
6 local governmental agency to hospitals for their maintenance and
7 operation, or, for reimbursement to hospitals for services
8 rendered which are not for the performance of abortions.]

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