

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 479 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY BOROWSKI, SCOTT, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, PROBST, CERRATO, CIRESI, DEASY, WARREN, N. NELSON, FLICK AND KHAN, MARCH 16, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 16, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws

1 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or ◀
2 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, ◀
3 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the ◀
4 Commonwealth," in general budget implementation, further ◀
5 providing for Department of Human Services. ◀

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

8 Section 1. Section 1729-E(a) of the act of April 9, 1929 ◀
9 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by ◀
10 adding paragraphs to read: ◀

11 Section 1729-E. Department of Human Services. ◀

12 (a) Appropriations.--The following shall apply to ◀
13 appropriations for the Department of Human Services: ◀

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15 (8) From money appropriated for medical assistance ◀
16 capitation, subject to Federal approval as may be necessary ◀
17 and contingent on Federal financial participation, beginning ◀
18 January 1, 2025, sufficient funds are included to provide ◀
19 rates for ambulance transportation for ground mileage at not ◀
20 less than \$4 per mile for each loaded mile. ◀

21 (9) From money appropriated for medical assistance fee- ◀
22 for-service, subject to Federal approval as may be necessary ◀
23 and contingent on Federal financial participation, beginning ◀
24 January 1, 2025, sufficient funds are included to provide ◀
25 rates for ambulance transportation for ground mileage at not ◀
26 less than \$4 per mile for each loaded mile. ◀

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