

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, KHAN, CONKLIN, C. WILLIAMS, RIGBY, O'MARA AND TAKAC, MARCH 16, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 1, 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~~

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

7 AMENDING THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), ENTITLED "AN <--
8 ACT TO CONSOLIDATE, EDITORIALY REVISE, AND CODIFY THE PUBLIC
9 WELFARE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH," IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,
10 PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

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

16 ~~Section 1729 E. Department of Human Services.~~

17 ~~(a) Appropriations. The following shall apply to~~
18 ~~appropriations for the Department of Human Services:~~

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

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

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33 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

34 SECTION 1. THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN <--
35 AS THE HUMAN SERVICES CODE, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO

1 READ:

2 SECTION 443.13. AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.-- (A)
3 FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CAPITATION,
4 SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND CONTINGENT
5 ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025,
6 SUFFICIENT FUNDS SHALL BE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE RATES FOR
7 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUND MILEAGE AT NOT LESS THAN \$4
8 PER MILE FOR EACH LOADED MILE.

9 (B) FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FEE-FOR-
10 SERVICE, SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND
11 CONTINGENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, BEGINNING JANUARY
12 1, 2025, SUFFICIENT FUNDS SHALL BE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE RATES FOR
13 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUND MILEAGE AT NOT LESS THAN \$4
14 PER MILE FOR EACH LOADED MILE.

15 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.