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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 16, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An  
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money  
3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement  
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and  
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and  
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research  
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health  
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with  
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,  
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care  
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET  
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for  
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," in  
14 medical assistance for workers with disabilities, further  
15 providing for definitions.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. The definition of "worker with a disability" in  
19 section 1502 of the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known  
20 as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is amended to read:

21 Section 1502. Definitions.

22 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
23 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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3 "Worker with a disability." An individual who meets all of  
4 the following:

5 (1) is at least 16 years of age and meets age  
6 requirements as established under applicable Federal law;

7 (2) is employed and receiving compensation;

8 (3) is eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income  
9 except for earnings and resources that exceed the limit  
10 established in section 1905 of the Social Security Act (49  
11 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(q) (2) (B));

12 (4) has monthly income below [250%] 600% of the Federal  
13 poverty income guidelines; and

14 (5) [has countable resources equal to or less than  
15 \$10,000.] may have countable assets in excess of \$10,000 that  
16 have been developed since the individual's initial enrollment  
17 in medical assistance for workers with disabilities.

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