

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1527 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SANCHEZ, PICKETT, KIM, PROBST, HANBIDGE, SMITH-WADE-EL, McNEILL, NEILSON, GUENST, KHAN, MADDEN, DELLOSO, BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, SAMUELSON, BOROWSKI, JAMES, CIRESI, WARREN, D. WILLIAMS, MALAGARI, CERRATO, KRAJEWSKI, OTTEN, OBERLANDER, SHUSTERMAN, MARCELL, MULLINS AND MARSHALL, JUNE 27, 2023

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 16, 2023

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 personal needs allowance deduction for
5 medical assistance-eligible persons in nursing facilities.

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

8 Section 1. Section 443.8 of the act of June 13, 1967
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended BY <--
10 ADDING A SUBSECTION to read:

11 Section 443.8. Personal Needs Allowance Deduction for
12 Medical Assistance-Eligible Persons in Nursing Facilities.--

13 ~~{(a)} A personal needs allowance of not less than [forty <--
14 dollars (\$40)] sixty dollars (\$60) per month, for clothing and
15 other personal needs, shall be deducted from a medical
16 assistance eligible person's gross income, as defined by
17 departmental regulation, for purposes of determining the amount~~

1 ~~that person must pay toward the cost of skilled health care and~~  
2 ~~intermediate services or intermediate care while residing in a~~  
3 ~~nursing facility.~~

4 ~~[(b) The personal needs allowance under subsection (a) shall~~  
5 ~~be increased to not less than forty five dollars (\$45) beginning~~  
6 ~~July 1, 2007.] \* \* \*~~ <--

7 (C) SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL, THE PERSONAL NEEDS  
8 ALLOWANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL BE INCREASED TO NOT LESS  
9 THAN SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~January 1, 2024~~ <--  
11 IMMEDIATELY. <--