
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **624** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. HALUSKA, MAY 8, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WELFARE, MAY 8, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24 1937 (P L 2051) entitled "An act relating to public assistance providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children aged persons blind persons and other persons requiring relief providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with and to accept and disburse moneys received from the United States

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Government for assistance to such persons providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance pensions for the blind old age assistance and the State Emergency Relief Board" authorizing the holders of certain life insurance policies to receive public assistance

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 The first paragraph of section 9 act of June 24 1937
2 (P L 2051) known as the "Public Assistance Law" amended August 22
3 1953 (P L 1361) is amended to read
4 Section 9 Eligibility for Assistance Any person residing within
5 this Commonwealth shall hereafter be entitled to receive public as-
6 sistance as provided by law without regard to the period of time he
7 or she has resided therein and the Department of Public Assistance
8 shall grant assistance without regard to the period of time any person
9 seeking public assistance and otherwise entitled thereto shall have
10 resided within this State Provided however That if the applicant for
11 public assistance has resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year

1 immediately preceding the date of making application for assistance
2 such person shall only be entitled to receive public assistance if he or she
3 was last a resident of a state which by law regulation or recipro-
4 cal agreement with Pennsylvania grants public assistance to a person
5 who has resided therein for less than one year A child less than
6 one year of age is considered as deriving residence from either (1)
7 a parent or (2) other relative with whom he is living as provided
8 in this section Except as hereinafter specifically otherwise provided
9 in the case of pensions for the blind all persons of the following
10 classes except those who hereafter advocate and actively participate
11 by an overt act or acts in a movement proposing a change in the
12 form of government of the United States by means not provided
13 for in the Constitution of the United States shall be eligible to
14 receive assistance in accordance with rules regulations and standards
15 established by the Department of Public Assistance with the ap-
16 proval of the State Board of Assistance as to eligibility for assistance
17 and as to its nature and extent Absence in the service of the Com-
18 monwealth or of the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt
19 residence in the Commonwealth if a domicile has not been acquired
20 outside the Commonwealth Persons who hold life insurance policies

1 issued in the total amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less
2 shall not be deemed ineligible to receive public assistance because of
3 such policies and shall not be required to cancel such policies in order
4 to receive public assistance Provided That any person who is the
5 owner of an endowment or cash surrender insurance policy except
6 National Service Life Insurance shall be required to change such policy
7 to a life insurance policy issued in the amount of ten thousand dollars
8 (\$10,000) or less or to cancel such policies prior to receiving public
9 assistance

10 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor