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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE BILL

No. **200**

Session of  
1961

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MESSRS. LANE, WEINER, AND MURRAY, IN PLACE,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

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MR. MURRAY, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
WELFARE, AS AMENDED, MARCH 13, 1961.

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## 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 Depart-

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.

ment of Public Assistance to cooperate with and to accept and disburse moneys received from the United States 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" making eligible for assistance certain persons in public medical institutions and regulating obligations for and payments of certain funds

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

1 Section 1 Section 2 act of June 24 1937 (P L 2051) known as  
2 the "Public Assistance Law" is amended by adding at the end thereof  
3 a new clause to read

4 Section 2 Definitions As used in this act unless otherwise indicated

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6 "Patient in a Public Medical Institution" means a person resident  
7 in a public medical institution of a county institution district or of  
8 a county of the third to sixth classes inclusive for the purpose of WHO

1 is receiving medical or any type of remedial care with respect to whose  
 2 assistance ~~payments~~ Federal financial participation is available

3 Section 2 Section 4 of the act is amended by adding at the end  
 4 thereof a new clause to read

5 Section 4 General Powers and Duties of Department of Public  
 6 Assistance The Department of Public Assistance shall have the power  
 7 and its duty shall be

8 \* \* \*

9 (m) To compute for each month the amount expended by the de-  
 10 partment during such month as assistance to patients in public medical  
 11 institutions as defined in this act excluding persons who receive blind  
 12 pensions plus the cost of administering such assistance From such total  
 13 amount the department shall deduct the amount of Federal funds  
 14 properly received or to be received by the department on account of  
 15 such expenditures and shall certify the remainder to the proper authori-  
 16 ties of such public medical institutions The amount so certified shall  
 17 become obligations of the authorities of such public medical institutions  
 18 to be paid to the Department of Public Welfare as provided by law

19 Section 3 Subsections (b) and (c.1) of section 9 of the act amended  
 20 August 22 1953 (P L 1361) are amended to read

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1 Section 9 Eligibility for Assistance \* \* \*

2 (b) Aged Persons An aged person is defined as one who (1) is  
3 sixty-five years of age or more (2) is not at the time of receiving assist-  
4 ance an inmate of a public institution except as a patient in a public  
5 medical institution as defined in this act and (3) has not conveyed or  
6 transferred his real or personal property of the value of five hundred  
7 dollars (\$500.00) or upwards without fair consideration within two years  
8 preceding the date of making such application

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10 (c.1) Disabled Persons A disabled person is defined as one who  
11 (1) is between the ages of eighteen and sixty-four inclusive (2) is  
12 permanently and totally disabled and (3) is not at the time of receiv-  
13 ing assistance an inmate of a public institution except as a patient  
14 in a public medical institution as defined in this act

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16 Section 4 Subsection (e) of section 9 of the act added September  
17 17 1959 (P L 912) is amended to read

18 Section 9 Eligibility for Assistance

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1 (c) No person over the age of eighteen years shall be rendered  
2 ineligible for public assistance solely by reason of his [living in a foster  
3 home] receiving care under the provisions of acts relative to the powers  
4 and duties of county institution districts and of counties of the third  
5 to sixth classes inclusive and such care shall not constitute a recourse  
6 available to a person over the age of eighteen years eligible for public  
7 assistance This subsection shall apply to persons over eighteen years of  
8 age who are not aged persons blind persons or disabled persons as  
9 defined in this act only if such persons have been placed in foster  
10 homes by a county institution district or by a county of the third to  
11 sixth class inclusive

12 Section 5 Section 12 of the act is amended by adding at the end  
13 thereof a new subsection to read

14 Section 12 Federal Contributions Restitution \* \* \*

1        (c) All payments made to the Department of Public Welfare by  
2        the proper authorities of public medical institutions as provided by law  
3        and in accordance with clause (m) of section 4 of this act shall be paid  
4        into the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue and  
5        credited to the current appropriation to the department to carry out  
6        the provisions of this act

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