

matter shall be final. *After September 11, 1964, applications shall be effective to initiate the payments specified in this act, starting during the month in which the application is received.*

As used in this act, the term "blind veteran" shall mean any person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization officially connected therewith, [during any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged] *at any time*, and who gave the State of Pennsylvania, or any specific place in this Commonwealth, as his or her place of residence at the time of entering the military or naval forces of the United States, and who while performing duties connected with such service suffered an injury *or incurred a disease* which resulted in blindness to the extent that he or she has three-sixtieth or ten two-hundredth or less normal vision. The term "blind veteran" shall not include any person separated from the military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization officially connected therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and the provisions thereof shall be retroactive to July 1, 1963. Payments on all applications filed with or mailed to the Department of Military Affairs on or before September 11, 1964, shall be made retroactive to July 1, 1963.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 3

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "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 Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare 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." extending "public nursing home care" to include inpatient treatment and care in geriatric centers operated by the Department of Public Welfare.

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

Section 1. Clause (4) of subsection (a) of section 9.1, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," added July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875) is amended to read:

Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—(a)
As used in this act,

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(4) "Public nursing home care," means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a medical institution or distinct part of a medical institution operated by a county, county institution district or municipality, exclusive of institutions for tuberculosis or mental illness. *Public nursing home care also means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a geriatric center operated by the Department of Public Welfare.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 4

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 19, 1939 (P. L. 438), entitled "An act declaring certain restricted State hospitals to be general hospitals, and within the limitations of their individual facilities, open for the treatment of patients and cases which other general hospitals may treat," authorizing the use of the hospitals as geriatric centers and making changes to conform to existing law.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of June 19, 1939 (P. L. 438), entitled "An act declaring certain restricted State hospitals to be general hospitals, and within the limitations of their individual facilities, open for the treatment of patients and cases which other general hospitals may treat," is amended to read:

Section 1. The State hospitals hereinafter set forth [which under existing laws are restricted as to the admission or acceptance of certain patients or certain types of cases,] are hereby declared to be general hospitals for the care and treatment of the [acutely] ill, without any restrictions other than those now or hereafter imposed by law upon all general hospitals, and except as each individual institution is restricted by the limitations of its facilities and equipment: *Provided, That with the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Public Welfare*