

PART IV

SUMMARY OF BILLS AND ANALYSES

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July 31, 1973

SUBJECT: BILLS REFERRED TO HOUSE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
(January 1 to July 31, 1973)

To: Representative Sherman L. Hill, Chairman
Health and Welfare Committee

From: Darvin E. Boyd, Executive Director
Health and Welfare Committee

A total of fifty-seven bills have been referred to the House Health and Welfare Committee to date in this session. Thirty-six of these bills are related to welfare and another twenty-one to health. A chronological list of these bills and the name of the sub-committee to which they were referred is depicted on the next page.

The Sub-Committee on Welfare has held three meetings to discuss House Bills 181, 386, 569, 577, 608, 609, and 1092. The Health and Welfare Committee has referred House Bill 181 and Senate Bills 104, 105, and 106 to the House. House Bill 181 passed the House on April 24th and is currently being considered by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. Senate Bills 104, 105, and 106 passed the House on July 16.

The Sub-Committee on Health has held eight meetings and six of these were conducted to discuss the following bills: House Bills 10, 134, 143, 745, 747, 827, and 889 and Senate Bill 443. The Health and Welfare Committee has referred House Bills 10, 747, and 827 and Senate Bill 443 to the House. On two occasions, House Bill 10 didn't gain sufficient support on the House floor for passage. House Bill 747 was on third consideration postponed and laid on the table on July 16. House Bill 827 was recommitted to the Appropriations Committee on June 18 for further consideration. Senate Bill 443 was referred to the House on July 17. House Bill 111 was considered by the full committee on several field trips and due to the findings will receive no further consideration.

All bills have been discussed and received consideration by the Chairman, Sub-Committee Chairmen, and staff. Through this process it was determined which bills had the merits to receive the attention of a Sub-Committee and/or the full Health and Welfare Committee. There are several bills that deserve further consideration but haven't received it due to a time factor.

CRONOLOGICAL LIST OF BILLS REFERRED TO
THE HOUSE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
(January 1 - July 31, 1973)

H. B. 10	- Health	S. B. 426	- Welfare
H. B. 104	- Welfare	S. B. 443	- Health
H. B. 111	- Health	H. B. 1078	- Health
H. B. 134	- Health	H. B. 1080	- Welfare
H. B. 143	- Health	H. B. 1088	- Welfare
H. B. 181	- Welfare	H. B. 1092	- Welfare
H. B. 386	- Welfare	H. B. 1098	- Health
H. B. 442	- Health	H. B. 1103	- Health
H. B. 483	- Welfare	S. B. 829	- Welfare
H. B. 569	- Welfare	H. B. 1168	- Health
H. B. 577	- Welfare	H. B. 1170	- Welfare
H. B. 608	- Welfare	H. B. 1191	- Welfare
H. B. 609	- Welfare	H. B. 1193	- Welfare
S. B. 104	- Welfare	H. B. 1194	- Welfare
S. B. 105	- Welfare	H. B. 1212	- Welfare
S. B. 106	- Welfare	H. B. 1220	- Welfare
H. B. 652	- Health	H. B. 1221	- Health
H. B. 653	- Health	H. B. 1263	- Welfare
H. B. 745	- Health	H. B. 1280	- Welfare
H. B. 747	- Health	S. B. 68	- Health
H. B. 770	- Welfare	H. B. 923	- Health
H. B. 785	- Health		
H. B. 788	- Welfare		
H. B. 789	- Welfare		
H. B. 792	- Welfare		
H. B. 827	- Welfare		
H. B. 836	- Welfare		
H. B. 840	- Welfare		
H. B. 868	- Welfare		
H. B. 878	- Welfare	Welfare	- 36 Bills
H. B. 879	- Welfare	Health	- 21 Bills
H. B. 888	- Health		
H. B. 889	- Health		
H. B. 890	- Welfare		
H. B. 901	- Welfare		
H. B. 987	- Health	TOTAL:	- 57 Bills



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

May 29, 1973

MEMO

SUBJECT: House Bills Regarding Welfare - Referred to the Committee on Health & Welfare in 1973

TO: Representatives Hill and McClatchy

FROM: Darvin E. Boyd

To date a total of thirty-five bills have been referred to the House Health and Welfare Committee. Twenty-three (23) of these bills are related to welfare. A chronological list of these bills and a brief explanation of any consideration or action is depicted on an attachment.

The Sub-committee on Welfare has considered House Bills 181, 386, 569, 577, 608 and 609. The Health and Welfare Committee has referred House Bill 181 and Senate Bills 104, 105 and 106 to the House. House Bill 181 passed the House on April 24th, and it is expected that the three Senate bills will do likewise in the near future after Senate Bill 104 is amended on second consideration on May 29th. The Health and Welfare Committee is expected to refer House Bill 827 to the House at a meeting on May 30th.

House Bills 104 and 483 are related to able-bodied or employable work programs. These bills have not been scheduled for consideration in the Sub-committee on Welfare because an opinion from the Department of Public Welfare states that "persons receiving a Federal category of assistance are prohibited by Federal regulations from working out their assistance grants." Further discussion has been held with the Legal Counsel in the Department of Public Welfare regarding their interpretation of this matter. After receiving a reply to the attached letter to their Legal Counsel, the Assistant Chief Legal Counsel on the House Majority Staff will evaluate the basis of the Department's judgment to determine if there is a legal approach to require able-bodied or employable workers to work on public works projects. Even though the unemployment rate is presently below the 5% level in the Commonwealth which may temporarily make this issue of less priority importance, continued efforts will be made to attempt to determine what approach can be taken regarding public works projects for able-bodied workers. House Bill 840 is also related to this same matter.

The following House Bills must be reviewed to determine if they deserve or need further consideration: House Bills 788, 789, 792, 838, 840, 868, 878, 879, 890 and 901.

All of the twenty-three welfare bills have been analyzed except House Bills 840 and 890.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST AND BRIEF EXPLANATION

OF ACTION ON WELFARE BILLS IN HOUSE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

- H. B. 104 - This bill has not been scheduled for consideration in the Sub-Committee on Welfare because an opinion from the Department of Public Welfare states that "persons receiving a Federal category of assistance are prohibited by Federal regulations from working out their assistance grants."
- H. B. 181 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on March 20, passed the Health and Welfare Committee on April 3, amended in the House on second consideration on April 11, and passed the House by a vote of 140 to 53 on April 24.
- H. B. 386 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on April 24 and held by consensus of the members present for further consideration due to the recent developments and potential implications of the federal law 96-603 (H.R. 1) regarding the aged, blind, and disabled.
- H. B. 483 - This bill has not been scheduled for consideration in the Sub-Committee on Welfare because an opinion from the Department of Public Welfare states that "persons receiving a Federal category of assistance are prohibited by Federal regulations from working out their assistance grants."
- H. B. 559 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on April 24 and held by consensus of the members present because House Bill 7 thoroughly deals with the Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance Act.
- H. B. 577 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on April 24 and referred back to the sponsor for further consideration and rewriting if the sponsor so desires.
- H. B. 608 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on April 24 and held by consensus of the members present to check if the Department of Public Welfare could carry out the items suggested in this bill without legislation.

Received word from the Department's Legislative Liaison on May 23 that the Department is redrafting Nursing Home regulations and is presently

working on the third draft. It was mentioned that it appears that the intent of H.B. 608 is included in the regulations and should be checked after the regulations are in the final proposed form.

- H.B. 609 - Considered by the Sub-Committee on Welfare on April 24 and held by the consensus of the members present because the cost of performing the responsibilities of the Office of Auditor General relative to the certification of costs would be far greater than the estimated cost of the program relative to the section related to the skilled nursing homes. Furthermore, the reasonable cost referred to in the bill is mandatory under the new federal law 92-603 by July 1, 1976.
- S.B. 104 - Passed the Health and Welfare Committee on April 3, expected to be amended on second consideration in the House on May 29, and pass the House in the near future.
- S.B. 105 - Passed the Health and Welfare Committee on April 3 and expected to pass the House in the near future.
- S.B. 106 - Passed the Health and Welfare Committee on April 3 and expected to pass the House in the near future.
- H.B. 778 - Received word from the Department's Legislative Liaison on May 23 that this bill is not necessary and is confusing as well. Facility in the Department of Public Welfare's regulations is defined as a comprehensive term meaning not only premises but services, too; whereas, premises would be defined as the physical plant.
- H.B. 788 - Pending consideration.
- H.B. 789 - Pending consideration.
- H.B. 792 - Pending consideration. May want to consider rewriting section 453 regarding identification cards for medical assistance recipients and submit in another bill.
- H.B. 827 - Expected to be referred to the House at the Health and Welfare Committee on May 30.
- H.B. 838 - Pending consideration.
- H.B. 840 - Pending consideration. Able-bodied work bill related to the consideration of House Bills 104 and 483.

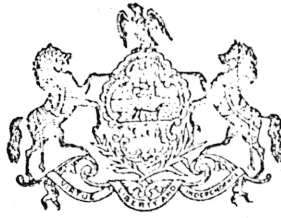
H.B. 868 - Pending consideration.

H.B. 878 - Pending consideration.

H.B. 879 - Pending consideration.

H.B. 890 - Pending consideration.

H.B. 901 - Pending consideration.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

May 29, 1973

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

You will recall that some time ago we had discussed House Bills 104 and 483 regarding able-bodied or employable work programs.

A portion of the departmental opinion for these two bills was stated as follows in paragraph 3:

"Persons receiving a Federal category of assistance (e.g. Aid to Dependent Children) are prohibited by Federal regulations from working out their assistance grants. Individuals performing work on a public project 'in return for assistance received' would be considered to have earned the amount of assistance so received. Under those circumstances, the payment would not constitute 'assistance' within the meaning of the Public Assistance titles of the Social Security Act so as to qualify for Federal financial participation."

I recall your statement that the aforementioned opinion was based on about five different court cases. Last week I was most appreciative to learn through Mr. Hochendoner's office that two of these cases were Jeffries vs. Sugarman and New York State Dept. of Social Services vs. Dublino.

Marx S. Leopold, Esquire

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Mr. Leopold, we would sincerely appreciate if you would send us the names and citations of those Pennsylvania or Federal court decisions on which the department is basing its judgment and opinion in paragraph 3. If it isn't too inconvenient, please list the cases in the order of their relevance to the matter discussed.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Darvin Boyd
Majority Staff

cc: Rep. Sherman Hill
Rep. Richard McClatchy, Jr.
Mr. Eugene Fulmer ✓
Mr. Edward Hussie
Mr. Larry Hochendoner

DB/nk

Sponsor: Wells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 10
Date of Intro: 1-15-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 12
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 1-24-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd & Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Requires persons or organizations having jurisdiction over water supplies, serving areas of 20,000 or more people, to add fluoride to the water in order to maintain a fluoride content of .8 to 1.2 milligrams per liter if the water contains less than .8 milligrams of fluoride per liter.

Sponsor: Dombrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>III</u>
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>131</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 1-23-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd & Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Regulates the use of certain phosphorus compounds in cleaning agents and prohibits the use of other phosphorus compounds that are harmful to the environment after December 31, 1973. After this date cleaning agents would be banned which are in excess of the following weight: (1) twenty per cent expressed as phosphorus pentoxide (2) two and two-tenths per cent as expressed as elemental phosphorus with the exception of synthetic detergents and other certain detergents (those manufactured for use in dishwashers, dairy equipment, beverage equipment, and industrial cleaning equipment) shall not exceed eight and seven-tenths per cent as expressed as elemental phosphorus.

The Department of Environmental Resources may further restrict harmful content within cleaning agents and water conditioners.

Violators of this bill are subject to fines not exceeding \$2,500. and/or imprisonment not exceeding 364 days. Associates, partners, or corporate directors and officers can be convicted if they knowingly disregard this act.

The Attorney General can seek a temporary or permanent injunction to restrain unlawful abuse of this act.

Sponsor: Morris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 104
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 124
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 1-29-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd & Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the "Public Welfare Code" to require all able-bodied persons receiving public assistance to perform local government jobs as assigned to them by the department. Those persons refusing to work will be removed from the assistance rolls.

Sponsor: Homer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 134
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 154
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 1-29-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	Boyd & By: Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the act regulating anatomical gifts to allow technicians, in addition to surgeons and physicians (present law), to execute anatomical gifts at the request of the deceased donor, or in the absence of the specifically requested surgeon or physician, or at the request of the donee in the absence of a specific request by the donor.

Sponsor: Savitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 143
Date of Intro: 1-24-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 166
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 1-31-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd & Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Provides for involuntary admission, diagnosis and medical treatment procedures for certain drug dependent persons charged with felonies involving violence. This procedure involves two steps. First, to admit the charged person as a patient to an emergency medical service to determine within twenty-four hours if that person is a drug dependent person. Secondly, if the medical officer and government attorney agree that the charged is, beyond a reasonable doubt, a drug dependent person, then a civil commitment proceeding shall be instituted and a court may order any person receiving emergency medical services to be temporarily committed for emergency medical treatment and care for a period not to exceed thirty days. These procedures are inapplicable to persons charged with distributing drugs as part of a continuing criminal enterprise.

Sponsor: Schulze	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 181
Date of Intro: 1-29-73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 205
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 2-1-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	Boyd & By: Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to repeal the provisions relating to the training program for department employees. Present law provides that training may be provided internally by the department, to qualified state employees, in those occupational fields in which there is a shortage of trained persons.

Sponsor: Mrs. Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>386</u>
Date of Intro: 2-14-73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>430</u>
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>2-22-73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd & Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code regarding eligibility for and amount of State blind pensions.

The eligibility requirement of a blind person who has an actual annual income of his own of less than \$3,000. (present law) shall be increased to \$3,600.

The amount of pension paid to any recipient who earns more than \$1,980. per annum shall be fixed in such amount that the sum of his actual income and State blind pension equals \$3,600., rather than the specified amount of \$3,000. under present law.

Sponsor: Tayoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>442</u>
Date of Intro:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>496</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>3-5-73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: <u>Boyd & Rosenstein</u>
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends an act pertaining to alcoholism providing for emergency and acute medical and detoxification services for alcoholics and making an appropriation for such services.

The Department of Health shall provide facilities for the aforementioned services for patients suffering from alcohol abuse and alcoholism and contract with qualified general hospitals to provide experienced medical personnel to serve on special care alcoholism units for those government facilities. The staff of such units would require the services of a medical director and an assistant to serve in his absence. Each shift requires the part-time availability of a registered nurse and the full-time services of two licensed practical nurses or aides. The unit also includes a clerk-receptionist.

There shall be three demonstration or pilot units for the first year and, after this, the special care unit pilot program shall be expanded to include other hospitals. The ward beds available in such units shall be in the ratio of one woman to five men.

A sum of \$200,000 for such services shall be provided in FY 1973/74.

Sponsor: Hopkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 483
Date of Intro: 2-26-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 540
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 3-5-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	Boyd & By: Rosenstein
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed _____ Amended _____ Yeas _____ Nays _____		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

An act requiring employable persons on public assistance to perform such work on public projects as may be assigned to them by the Department of Welfare. Employable persons refusing such work, without sufficient reasoning, shall receive no further assistance payments. Exempted are those receiving assistance as dependent children, or their mothers, or as aged persons or blind persons.

Those public projects to which the employable persons are designated to work shall not be in substitution of existing projects, but rather in addition or supplementary to them. The employable shall not be required to work any number of hours greater than the compensation equal to such assistance at the prevailing rate of pay in the locality where the work is performed.

Sponsor: Coppersmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	S Bill No. 104
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 104
Date considered: 4-3-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 3-29-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to provide regulations for placement of out-of-state children not covered under Senate Bill No. 106 (the Compact Bill). The Department's consent is necessary before a child can be brought in for placement or adoption. The Department must be satisfied that it is suitable. The person receiving the child for placement or adoption must make semi-annual reports and agree to follow the regulations.

An indemnity bond of \$1000 may be required of either the sender or receiver. The conditions are that the child not be of unsound mind or body. If before adoption or the child reaches 18, he becomes delinquent or a public charge, he will be sent back within 30 days if the Department requests it.

Violations are misdemeanors. The fine shall not be more than \$100 or a maximum of 30 days imprisonment, or both.

Repeals the current law on non-resident child placement.
Effective immediately.

The bill passed the Senate on March 20th by a vote of 47-0.

Sponsor: Coppersmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	S Bill No. <u>105</u>
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>105</u>
Date considered: 4-3-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>3-29-73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to authorize the Governor to execute, with other states, an amendment to the Interstate Compact on Juveniles to provide for confinement; and requisition procedures for juveniles adjudged delinquent for violations of the criminal law.

The receiving state (where the juvenile is caught), if its appropriate officials concur, shall confine the juvenile upon request of the home state. Each state is to designate a "Compact Institution", open to inspection by the other states for this purpose. The juveniles retain their rights under the home state laws and are still subject to their jurisdiction.

The home state is to reimburse for costs unless the states involved have a different agreement.

The amendment is effective when two or more states agree to it.

Effective immediately.

The bill passed the Senate on March 20th by a vote of 47-0.

Sponsor: Coppersmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	S Bill No. <u>106</u>
Date of Intro: 1-23-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>106</u>
Date considered: 4-3-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>3-29-73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed <u> </u> Amended <u> </u> Yeas <u> </u> Nays <u> </u>		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to direct the Governor to join with other states in an Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. It sets up procedures governing the sending of children across state lines into foster homes or for adoption. It does not cover child custody within the family. Information on the child must be sent to the receiving state. The sending agency retains jurisdiction until the child is adopted or reaches maturity. It also has the financial responsibility although private agencies may make their own agreements on this. The Governor is to appoint an administrator to coordinate activities and help promulgate rules and regulations.

Violations are of both state's laws and may be prosecuted by either. It could also be grounds to revoke the sending agency's license.

Institutionalization for delinquents may also be provided after a hearing, if equivalent facilities are not available in the sending state and no undue hardship on the delinquent occurs.

Financial commitments of state are not valid unless authorized by the Secretary of Welfare.

This Company shall be open to joinder by any U. S. state, territory or possession, and Canada if Congress consents. Effective immediately.

The bill passed the Senate on March 20th by a vote of 47-0.

Sponsor: DeMedio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. 569
Date of Intro: 3/14/73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 643
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 4/5/73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Loyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance Act to extend provisions of the act to unmarried women fifty years of age or over; to increase the amount of allowable assistance; and to further regulate time for reimbursement.

In addition to a widow, fifty years or older, being allowed to file a claim for property tax assistance (present law), this bill would allow unmarried women in the same age group to receive the same privilege.

The maximum amount of assistance payable to a claimant shall be raised from \$200 (present law) to \$400. This portion would take effect on January 1, 1974.

A specification for an unmarried woman who marries and is a claimant of a homestead is included in this bill.

Present law states that no reimbursement on a property tax assistance claim, filed with the department, shall be made from the General Fund earlier than sixty-five days after the last day on which such claim may be filed. This bill would replace the aforementioned specification by providing that reimbursement on any such claim shall be made from the General Fund as soon as possible after filing but in no case later than sixty days from the date the claim is filed.

If the total amount of the claims exceeds the sum of \$100,000,000 in any one year, rather than \$60,000,000 under present law, then the percentage allowed as assistance shall be reduced in the proportion that \$100,000,000 bears to the total amount of the claims in any one year. This provision would take effect January 1, 1974.

Sponsor: Zord	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. <u>577</u>
Date of Intro: 3/14/73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>651</u>
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>4/4/73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: <u>Boyd</u>
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yecs ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends The Administrative Code of 1929 providing for senior citizen passports at state parks and campsites.

This bill would provide the Department of Environmental Resources with the power and duty to grant senior citizen passports, without charge, to persons sixty-two years of age or older in order for such persons to receive free entry into state parks and campsites. It would also entitle them to half-price rates where services are provided on camping, boating and similar privileges.

Sponsor: Rhodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. <u>608</u>
Date of Intro: 3/19/73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>688</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>4/5/73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: <u>Boyd</u>
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code imposing requirements relating to the closing of nursing homes.

The licensee of a nursing home which will be closed must do the following:

1. Provide each patient with a written notice of intent to close sixty days prior to requesting the patient to leave such home.
2. File proof of financial responsibility, as prescribed by the department, to insure that the nursing home will continue to operate for a period of sixty days following the licensee's notice of intent to close the home.
3. Provide notice of intent to close, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, and file a copy of such notice with the department.

Sponsor: Zearfoss, et al	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. 609
Date of Intro: 3/19/73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 689
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 4/5/73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed ___ Amended ___ Yeas ___ Nays ___		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to further provide for certain medical assistance payments.

Rates established by the department for medical assistance payments on behalf of eligible persons receiving institutional care, home health care, and other services shall be replaced by "the reasonable cost as certified to the department by the Auditor General."

Under the category of "other services," the term outpatient services shall be replaced by the term outpatient hospital care and the term emergency shall be added to the other specified services provided. These other services can be furnished by or under the direction of a physician and several other sources. Public health centers qualified to participate under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act is added to these sources.

Sponsor: Hammock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. <u>778</u>
Date of Intro:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>898</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>4-27-73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
Reported as Committed <u> </u> Amended <u> </u> Yeas <u> </u> Nays <u> </u>		

ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to further provide for any authorized agent of the Department to have the right to inspect any facility, licensed or requiring a license under this act, for the purpose of determining whether or not any premises in fact qualifies as a facility as defined in Section 1001 of this act.

Sponsor: Early	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. 785
Date of Intro: 4-10-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 905
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 4-27-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

~~Provides for~~ ^{Requires} the distribution of emergency medical identification cards by hospital coronary units to coronary patients upon discharge therefrom. The information provided on the cards would be pertinent in case the coronary patient would need future emergency treatment.

The penalties for any hospital failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be, upon conviction for each offense, a \$100.00 fine plus costs of the prosecution.

Sponsor: Tayoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 788
Date of Intro: 4/10/73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 908
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 5/22/73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code authorizing the Commonwealth to provide and purchase public child welfare services for all children needing them in such a way as to ensure the fullest State participation in cooperative Federal programs.

Sponsor: Berkes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H Bill No. 789
Date of Intro: 4-10-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 909
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 4-27-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the "Dog Law of 1965" to eliminate license fees for seeing eye dogs if the owner thereof is blind.

Sponsor: Berkes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>792</u>
Date of Intro: 4/10/73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>912</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>5/22/73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to require the following:

- (1) Identification cards for eligible recipients of medical assistance.
- (2) Prescriptions of all medicines for recipients of medical assistance to be ordered and filled by generic name.
- (3) Hospitals to maintain a pharmacy for dispensing drugs and medicine by generic name to medical assistance recipients at the cost of the drug or medicine and the cost of providing the service.
- (4) Refills of prescriptions to medical assistance recipients to be reissued by a physician.

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Sponsor: Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 827
Date of Intro: 4-24-73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 966
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 4-26-73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Rosenstein
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code to bring podiatrists (currently just physicians and chiropractors) into the act as it relates to: (a) medical assistance payments for home health care, (b) other medical assistance payments, (c) additional services for eligible persons other than the medically needy.

Sponsor: Wilt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 838
Date of Intro: 4/24/73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 977
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 5/23/73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amends the Public Welfare Code by adding a section providing for the continuation of benefits for persons receiving an increase in social security or railroad retirement benefits.

The amount of assistance once granted shall not be subsequently withdrawn or reduced because of an increase in benefits paid to the recipient under the Federal social security or railroad retirement systems.

Sponsor: McClatchy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>878</u>
Date of Intro: 4/25/73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>1029</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>5/22/73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: <u>Boyd</u>
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amending the Public Welfare Code to grant access to newspaper reporters to records of persons receiving public assistance. However, the name of any person receiving assistance shall not be divulged nor shall the case history of a recipient be reported in such a way that the identity of the recipient is discernable.

Sponsor: McClatchy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. <u>879</u>
Date of Intro: 4/25/73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. <u>1030</u>
Date considered:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: <u>5/22/73</u>
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: <u>Boyd</u>
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amending the Public Welfare Code to grant access to members of the General Assembly or their designated representative to records of persons receiving public assistance.

Sponsor: Lederer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends an Act	H. Bill No. 901
Date of Intro: 5/1/73	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposes an Act	Printers No. 1063
Date considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Date: 5/22/73
Public Hearings:	Cost:	By: Boyd
Previous history:		
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ANALYSIS: (Proposed law, present law, Senate amendment, Conference Report)

Amending the Public Welfare Code to set the blind pension of certified blind veterans of an armed conflict in which the United States has engaged at \$100. per month rather than the \$85. monthly rate paid to all other eligible blind persons.