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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1527 Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,  
JUNE 27, 2023

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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 to  
10 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  
18 that person must pay toward the cost of skilled health care and

1 intermediate services or intermediate care while residing in a  
2 nursing facility.

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

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.