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**Referred to the
Committee on Finance**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 19-2900 of Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Senior Citizen Low Income Special Tax Provisions," by expanding the coverage of this Chapter to include senior citizens who are eligible to participate in the Commonwealth's Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier ("PACENET") program.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 19-2902 of Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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(2) *Eligible claimant. A resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for no less than 90 days, who is 65 years of age and over, whose annual income is less than the maximum annual income and who is not otherwise qualified for public assistance under the Act of June 13, 1967 (P.L. 31, No. 21) known as the Public Welfare Code, 62 P.S. §§ 201 et. seq., 701 et. seq., 901 et. seq., and 1001 et. seq.*

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[(3)] (4)

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[(4)] (5) Low income taxpayer. A taxpayer whose income does not exceed the [“]maximum annual income[”] allowable for an [“]eligible claimant[”] to participate in the [Commonwealth’s program for Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly (]“PACE” program [) pursuant to the Lottery Fund Preservation Act, §3762-101 et. seq.] or a taxpayer who is a “qualified individual” to participate in the “PACENET” program.

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(6) *Maximum annual income. For PACE eligibility, the term shall mean annual income which shall not exceed \$14,000 in the case of single persons nor \$17,200 in the case of the combined annual income of persons married to each other. Persons may, in reporting income to the Department of Aging of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, round the amount of each source of income and the income total to the nearest whole dollar, whereby any amount which is less than 50¢ is eliminated.*

(7) *PACE. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly program established under the Act of August 26, 1971 (P.L. 351, No. 91) known as the State Lottery Law, 72 P.S. §3762-101 et. seq.*

(8) *PACENET. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier established under section 519(a) of the Act of August 26, 1971 (P.L. 351, No. 91), known as the State Lottery Law, 72 P.S. §3761-519.*

[(5)] (9)

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(10) *Qualified individual. A resident of this Commonwealth for no less than 90 days who meets all of the following:*

(a) *Is not an “eligible claimant” as defined in this Section.*

(b) *Is 65 years of age or older.*

(c) *Has an annual income which is not less than \$14,001 and not more than \$17,000 in the case of a single person, and not less than \$17,201 and not more than \$20,200 in the case of the combined income of persons married to each other. A person may, in reporting income to the Department of Aging of the Commonwealth of*

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Pennsylvania, round the amount of each source of income and the income total to the nearest whole dollar. Any amount which is less than 50¢ shall be eliminated.

(d) Is not otherwise qualified for public assistance under the Act of June 13, 1967 (P.L. 31, No. 21), known as the Public Welfare Code, 62 P.S. §§ 201 et. seq., 701 et. seq., 901 et. seq., and 1001 et. seq.

(e) Applies for pharmaceutical assistance under the Act of August 26, 1971 (P.L. 351, No. 91) known as the State Lottery Law, 72 P.S. §3762-101 et. seq.

[(6)] (11)

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[(7)] (12)

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[(8)] (13)

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the enactment by the Pennsylvania General Assembly of authorizing legislation.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicates matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.

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