

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1248

Sponsor: **BROWNE**

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1 Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 through 11, by striking out all  
2 of said lines and inserting

3 Providing for home heating assistance.

4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 14 through 22, page 2, lines 1  
5 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 11, by striking out all of  
6 said lines on said pages and inserting

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Home Heating  
9 Assistance Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Claimant." A claimant as defined under section 1303 of the  
15 act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as  
16 the Taxpayer Relief Act.

17 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

18 "Secretary." The Secretary of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

19 "Taxpayer Relief Act." The act of June 27, 2006 (1st  
20 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act.

21 Section 3. Home heating rebate.

22 (a) Certification.--No later than March 7, 2008, and January  
23 7 of each year thereafter, the secretary shall certify the  
24 amount of funds remaining in the State Lottery Fund not expended  
25 on claims approved under section 1304 of the Taxpayer Relief Act  
26 as of December 31 of the preceding year. The secretary shall do  
27 all of the following:

28 (1) Provide notice of any amount certified to the  
29 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of  
30 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
31 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

32 (2) Submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau the  
33 amount certified and the availability of the funds for  
34 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

35 (3) Place the amount certified and the availability of  
36 the funds on the department's Internet website.

37 (b) Qualification.--If the secretary makes a certification  
38 under subsection (a), a claimant may qualify for an additional

1 rebate which shall be in addition to any claim paid to the  
2 claimant under section 1304 of the Taxpayer Relief Act. The  
3 additional rebate shall be used to offset the cost of home  
4 heating fuels as defined under section 2603(3) of the Low-Income  
5 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C.  
6 § 8622(3)).

7 (c) Process.--A claimant under this section shall apply for  
8 the funds no later than June 30 of the year in which the  
9 secretary makes a certification under subsection (a) under a  
10 process established by the secretary.

11 (d) Amount.--The amount of additional rebates to claimants  
12 shall be determined by the secretary based on the amount  
13 certified under subsection (a).

14 Section 20. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect immediately.