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Legislative **UPDATE** *For Seniors*

From State Senator Jake Corman

Legislature Doubles Size of Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program



Dear Friend:

Providing property tax relief for Pennsylvania's citizens has always been one of my top priorities.

The Taxpayer Relief Act included a significant new investment in the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. This has added 400,000 new participants to the program and increased benefits by nearly \$200 million, more than doubling its size and scope.

Now, seniors with household incomes of up to \$35,000 are eligible to participate. And people who have qualified for the program in past years will see their benefits increase.

These changes will impact seniors this year. So, I urge you to review the information included here and take part in the program if you qualify.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM?

Individuals or spouses 65 years of age or older, widows or widowers 50 years of age or older, and the permanently disabled 18 years of age or older who meet the Social Security disability requirements qualify for this program.

WHAT ARE THE NEW INCOME GUIDELINES?

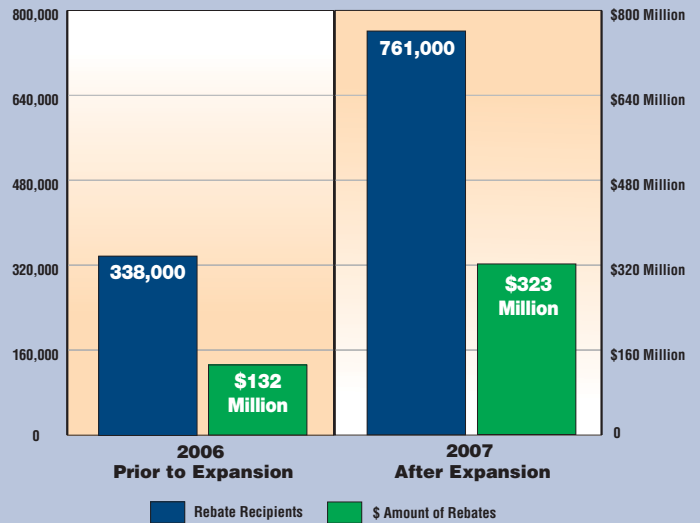
The household eligibility income limit for homeowners has been increased to \$35,000 and the maximum rebate has been increased to \$650. The new income ranges and maximum assistance are as follows:

Income Level	Maximum Rebate After Expansion
\$0 - \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 - \$35,000	\$250

WHAT INCOME CAN BE EXCLUDED?

Senior citizens can exclude 50% of their Social Security and 50% of any Railroad Retirement income when determining household income for eligibility purposes.

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program



HOW DO I APPLY FOR A REBATE?

The deadline to apply for a rebate has been extended to December 31. If you qualified for the 2005 rebate program and received a rebate in 2006, you should have already received a booklet in the mail.

You can pick up an application form at one of my district offices listed below, or download a copy at www.revenue.state.pa.us and click on the link to the right. You can also call 1-888-222-9190.

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