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Summary HB 254 PN2734

This legislation amends the Public Welfare Code to:

- Require the Department of Public Welfare to make a good faith effort to determine whether an applicant for cash, medical or energy assistance is a veteran and as a condition of eligibility, to require the applicant to apply for federal benefits if the applicant has not already done so.
- Require that each appointment to a county board of assistance by the Governor bear the endorsement of the Senator of the district in which the nominee resides instead of 2/3 of the Senate.
- Comply with federal requirements relating to deductions for unpaid medical expenses when determining a medical assistance recipient's contribution toward long term care services.
- Allow for a monetary assessment on each high volume Medicaid hospital located in Philadelphia.