



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1120

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CONNPAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-492 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to any
4 resident (1) who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is disabled,
5 (2) whose annual income, if unmarried, [is less than thirteen thousand
6 eight hundred dollars,] or whose annual income, if married, when
7 combined with that of [his] such resident's spouse, [is less than sixteen
8 thousand six hundred dollars] does not exceed two hundred fifty per
9 cent of the federal poverty level, (3) who is not insured under a policy
10 which provides full or partial coverage for prescription drugs once a
11 deductible amount is met, and (4) on and after September 15, 1991,
12 who pays an annual twenty-five-dollar registration fee to the
13 Department of Social Services. For purposes of determining eligibility
14 for participation in the program under subdivision (2) of this
15 subsection, such resident, when applying for such participation, may
16 deduct from such resident's annual income verifiable prescription
17 drug expenses in excess of three thousand five hundred dollars
18 incurred for such resident during the twelve-month period preceding
19 the date of the application, provided any such resident who makes
20 such deduction shall make available for review by the Department of
21 Social Services documentation of the claimed prescription drug

22 expenses. Such resident may make such deduction from annual
23 income in subsequent twelve-month periods for purposes of
24 determining continued eligibility for participation in the program
25 under subdivision (2) of this subsection. On January 1, 1998, and
26 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall, by the adoption of
27 regulations in accordance with chapter 54, increase the income [limits]
28 limit established under this subsection over [those] that of the previous
29 fiscal year to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security
30 income, if any. Each such adjustment shall be determined to the
31 nearest one hundred dollars.

32 Sec. 2. (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit an
33 application for a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act
34 to authorize the use of federal funds to match, on a dollar-for-dollar
35 basis, state funds appropriated for the Connecticut Pharmaceutical
36 Assistance Contract to the Elderly and the Disabled Program under
37 chapter 319ff of the general statutes.

38 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall report to the joint
39 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
40 matters relating to public health and human services concerning the
41 status of the waiver requested pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
42 and the commissioner's recommendations for legislation required to
43 expand the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the
44 Elderly and the Disabled Program under chapter 319ff of the general
45 statutes to utilize available federal matching funds. Such report shall
46 be submitted not later than February 1, 2002, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

48 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

HS *Joint Favorable*