



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5167

LCO No. 1070

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNPAGE SPEND-DOWN PROVISION.

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, as
2 amended by section 22 of public act 01-2 of the June special session
3 and section 129 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2002*):

6 (a) Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to any
7 resident (1) who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is disabled,
8 (2) (A) whose annual income, if unmarried, is less than thirteen
9 thousand eight hundred dollars, except after April 1, 2002, such annual
10 income is less than twenty thousand dollars, or whose annual income,
11 if married, when combined with that of the resident's spouse is less
12 than sixteen thousand six hundred dollars, except after April 1, 2002,
13 such combined annual income is less than twenty-seven thousand one
14 hundred dollars, or (B) in the event the program is granted a waiver to
15 be eligible for federal financial participation, then, after July 1, 2002,
16 whose annual income, if unmarried, is less than twenty-five thousand
17 eight hundred dollars, or whose annual income, if married, when

18 combined with that of the resident's spouse is less than thirty-four
19 thousand eight hundred dollars, (3) who is not insured under a policy
20 which provides full or partial coverage for prescription drugs once a
21 deductible amount is met, and (4) on and after September 15, 1991,
22 who pays an annual twenty-five-dollar registration fee to the
23 Department of Social Services. When applying for the program, any
24 applicant may deduct from such applicant's annual income verifiable
25 prescription drug expenses incurred for such applicant during the
26 twelve-month period preceding the date of application. Any applicant
27 who makes such deduction shall submit, at the time of application,
28 documentation of the claimed prescription drug expenses to the
29 Department of Social Services. Effective January 1, 2002, the
30 commissioner shall commence accepting applications from individuals
31 who will become eligible to participate in the program as of April 1,
32 2002. On January 1, 1998, and annually thereafter, the commissioner
33 shall, by the adoption of regulations in accordance with chapter 54,
34 increase the income limits established under this subsection over those
35 of the previous fiscal year to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in
36 Social Security income, if any. Each such adjustment shall be
37 determined to the nearest one hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Statement of Purpose:

To assist seniors just over the ConnPACE eligibility levels to qualify for the program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]