



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 2179



Offered by:  
REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 33

File No. 1

Cal. No.

**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN TAXES RELATED TO HEALTH CARE."**

1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 5. (Effective from passage) (a) The sum of fourteen million  
3 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the  
4 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. Such funds shall  
5 be used to provide subsidized HUSKY Part A program benefits for  
6 parents of children eligible for the HUSKY Part A program whose  
7 household incomes are not greater than one hundred eighty-five per  
8 cent of the federal poverty level, provided the commissioner shall  
9 apply for and implement any federal waiver necessary to effectuate the  
10 purposes of this subsection.

11 (b) The sum of fourteen million dollars is appropriated to the  
12 Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal  
13 year ending June 30, 2003. Such funds shall be used to provide  
14 subsidized HUSKY Part A program benefits for parents of children

15 eligible for the HUSKY Part A program whose household incomes are  
16 not greater than one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal  
17 poverty level, provided the commissioner shall apply for and  
18 implement any federal waiver necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
19 this subsection.

20 Sec. 6. Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

22 The Commissioner of Social Services [may] shall amend the  
23 Medicaid state plan to provide coverage for treatment for smoking  
24 cessation ordered by a licensed [physician to the extent permitted by  
25 federal law. Such coverage shall be limited to a maximum of four  
26 hundred dollars per person per year] health care professional who has  
27 authority under appropriate federal or state licensure to prescribe such  
28 drugs. Not later than October 1, 2002, the commissioner shall, in  
29 accordance with section 11-4a, present the plan for smoking cessation  
30 services, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
31 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, and such  
32 plan shall be implemented by January 1, 2003. The commissioner shall  
33 apply for, and implement any federal waiver necessary to effectuate  
34 the purposes of this subsection."