



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 2204



Offered by:

REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th 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 dollars
3 is appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
4 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. Such funds shall be used
5 to provide subsidized HUSKY Plan Part A program benefits for
6 parents of children eligible for the HUSKY Plan 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 unexpended balance of funds appropriated in subsection (a)
12 of this section shall not lapse on June 30, 2002, and such funds shall be
13 available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,
14 for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section and section 17b-278a

15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in a proportion to be
16 determined by the Commissioner of Social Services.

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 Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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