



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6115**

LCO No. 1986

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF ASSETS UNDER THE  
MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

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

1 That subsection (c) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes be  
2 amended to establish a distinction between inherited liquid assets and  
3 inherited hard assets for Medicaid eligibility purposes. The  
4 Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations to allow  
5 Medicaid applicants an extended time frame to establish and  
6 implement a liquidation plan for hard assets and make any necessary  
7 payments to the state. There is also established a commission to: (1)  
8 Study the current effective tax rate on inheritances received by  
9 Medicaid recipients, and (2) recommend possible policies to reduce  
10 said rate while maintaining the viability of the Medicaid program.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase fairness in the implementation of the Medicaid program.