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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT REPEALING THE ASSET TEST UNDER THE CONNPACE PROGRAM.

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 15 of public act 03-2 and section 58 of public act
3 03-3 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is
4 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

17 combined with that of the resident's spouse is less than thirty-four
18 thousand eight hundred dollars, (3) who is not insured under a policy
19 which provides full or partial coverage for prescription drugs once a
20 deductible amount is met, [(4) whose available assets are below one
21 hundred thousand dollars if unmarried and one hundred twenty-five
22 thousand dollars if married, (A) the asset limit for a married resident
23 shall be determined by combining the value of assets available to both
24 spouses, and (B) for purposes of this section, available assets are those
25 that are considered available in determining eligibility in the
26 Connecticut Home Care Program for the Elderly, and (5)] and (4) on
27 and after September 15, 1991, who pays an annual thirty-dollar
28 registration fee to the Department of Social Services. Effective January
29 1, 2002, the commissioner shall commence accepting applications from
30 individuals who will become eligible to participate in the program as
31 of April 1, 2002. On January 1, 1998, and annually thereafter, the
32 commissioner shall increase the income limits established under this
33 subsection over those of the previous fiscal year to reflect the annual
34 inflation adjustment in Social Security income, if any. Each such
35 adjustment shall be determined to the nearest one hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

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