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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SPEND DOWN ELIGIBILITY FOR 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 is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (a) Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to any
5 resident (1) who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is disabled,
6 (2) whose annual income, if unmarried, is less than twenty thousand
7 eight hundred dollars, or whose annual income, if married, when
8 combined with that of the resident's spouse is less than twenty-eight
9 thousand one hundred dollars, (3) who is not insured under a policy
10 which provides full or partial coverage for prescription drugs, except
11 for a Medicare prescription drug discount card endorsed by the
12 Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with Public
13 Law 108-173, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and
14 Modernization Act of 2003, once a deductible amount is met, and (4)
15 on and after September 15, 1991, who pays an annual thirty-dollar
16 registration fee to the Department of Social Services. [Effective January

17 1, 2002, the commissioner shall commence accepting applications from
18 individuals who will become eligible to participate in the program as
19 of April 1, 2002. On January 1, 1998, and annually thereafter, the] The
20 Commissioner of Social Services shall deduct from the income of any
21 program applicant the verifiable out-of-pocket prescription drug
22 expenses incurred by the applicant in the twelve-month period
23 preceding the date of application. Such applicant shall make available
24 for inspection by the commissioner, documentation that establishes to
25 the satisfaction of the commissioner the claims of out-of-pocket
26 prescription drug expenses incurred in the twelve-month period prior
27 to the date of application. The commissioner shall increase the income
28 limits established under this subsection over those of the previous
29 fiscal year to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security
30 income, if any. Each such adjustment shall be determined to the
31 nearest one hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-492(a)

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