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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT LIMITING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO INDIVIDUALS NOT
CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-192 of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a state
5 medical assistance component of the state-administered general
6 assistance program for persons [ineligible for Medicaid] who do not
7 meet the eligibility criteria for Medicaid on the basis of age, blindness,
8 disability, pregnancy, being a parent or other caretaker relative of a
9 dependent child, or having been screened for breast or cervical cancer
10 under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National
11 Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and found to
12 need treatment for either breast or cervical cancer. Eligibility criteria
13 concerning income shall be the same as the medically needy
14 component of the Medicaid program, except that earned monthly
15 gross income of up to one hundred fifty dollars shall be disregarded.

16 Unearned income shall not be disregarded. No person who has family
17 assets exceeding one thousand dollars shall be eligible. No person shall
18 be eligible for assistance under this section if such person made,
19 during the three months prior to the month of application, an
20 assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than
21 fair market value. The number of months of ineligibility due to such
22 disposition shall be determined by dividing the fair market value of
23 such property, less any consideration received in exchange for its
24 disposition, by five hundred dollars. Such period of ineligibility shall
25 commence in the month in which the person is otherwise eligible for
26 benefits. Any assignment, transfer or other disposition of property, on
27 the part of the transferor, shall be presumed to have been made for the
28 purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or services unless such
29 person provides convincing evidence to establish that the transaction
30 was exclusively for some other purpose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-192(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the eligibility criteria for the state-administered general assistance program to ensure that persons who would be eligible for Medicaid are excluded from the program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]