



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 562

LCO No. 2623

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY ELDERLY AND DISABLED.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-261 of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2008*):

4 (NEW) (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
5 Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to 42 USC 1396a (r) (2),
6 shall file an amendment to the Medicaid state plan that shall allow the
7 commissioner, when making Medicaid income eligibility
8 determinations, to establish and maintain the level of eligibility for
9 persons who are aged, blind or disabled at the same income level used
10 to determine eligibility for parents and needy caretaker relatives under
11 the HUSKY Plan, Part A, by establishing a special income disregard
12 that is applicable only to aged, blind or disabled individuals and only
13 under the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-261
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive methodology in determining the income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled.

[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.]