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Committee Bill No. 128

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE CONNPAGE APPLICATION PERIOD.

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

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 current annual income at the time of application or
7 redetermination, if unmarried, is less than twenty thousand eight
8 hundred dollars or whose annual income, if married, when combined
9 with that of the resident's spouse is less than twenty-eight thousand
10 one hundred dollars, (3) who is not insured under a policy which
11 provides full or partial coverage for prescription drugs once a
12 deductible is met, except for a Medicare prescription drug discount
13 card endorsed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in
14 accordance with Public Law 108-173, the Medicare Prescription Drug,
15 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or coverage under
16 Medicare Part D pursuant to said act, and (4) on and after September

17 15, 1991, who pays an annual forty-five-dollar registration fee to the
18 Department of Social Services. On January 1, 2012, and annually
19 thereafter, the commissioner shall increase the income limits
20 established under this subsection over those of the previous fiscal year
21 to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security income, if
22 any. Each such adjustment shall be determined to the nearest one
23 hundred dollars. [On and after October 1, 2009, new applications to
24 participate in the ConnPACE program may be accepted only from the
25 fifteenth day of November through the thirty-first day of December
26 each year, except that individuals may apply within thirty-one days of
27 (A) reaching sixty-five years of age, or (B) becoming eligible for Social
28 Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income.] The
29 Department of Social Services shall accept new applications to
30 participate in the ConnPACE program throughout each calendar year.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2011	17b-492(a)
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HS *Joint Favorable*