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Raised Bill No. 5226

LCO No. 1273



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the 2014 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (b) Effective July 1, [2011] 2014, the commissioner shall provide a
5 state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal
6 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care
7 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]
8 seventy-two dollars per month. On and after July 1, 2015, the
9 commissioner shall increase such allowance annually in accordance
10 with Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if any such adjustments
11 are approved. Such state supplement payment shall be made to the
12 long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal fund account
13 of each such recipient. For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term
14 care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home,
15 a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an

16 intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or
17 a state humane institution.

18 Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

20 Effective July 1, [2011] 2014, the Commissioner of Social Services
21 shall permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease
22 hospitals and state humane institutions who are medical assistance
23 recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-
24 285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly
25 personal fund allowance of [sixty] seventy-two dollars. On and after
26 July 1, 2015, the commissioner shall increase such allowance annually
27 in accordance with Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if any
28 such adjustments are approved.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-272

Statement of Purpose:

To provide sufficient funding for personal needs for residents of long-term care facilities who are receiving state medical assistance.

[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.]