



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 947***

LCO No. 3463



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESOURCES A  
COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID  
RECIPIENT MAY RETAIN.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-261x of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Institutionalized spouse" has the same meaning as provided in 42  
5 USC 1396r-5(h)(1);

6 (2) "Community spouse" has the same meaning as provided in 42  
7 USC 1396r-5(h)(2); and

8 (3) "Minimum community spouse resource allowance" means the  
9 minimum amount of assets a community spouse of an institutionalized  
10 spouse may keep pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2).

11 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
12 state plan in accordance with federal law to set the minimum

13 community spouse resource allowance at [fifty] sixty thousand dollars.

14 (c) Not later than July 1, [2023] 2024, the commissioner shall report on  
15 the impact of increasing the minimum community spouse resource  
16 allowance for the fiscal years ending on June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024,  
17 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
18 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
19 relating to aging, human services and appropriations and the budgets  
20 of state agencies. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The  
21 number of community spouses who were able to keep additional assets  
22 as a result of the increase in the minimum community spouse resource  
23 allowance pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; and (2) the cost to  
24 the state of increasing said amount.

25 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
26 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-261x

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase from fifty thousand dollars to sixty thousand dollars the amount a spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient may retain.

*[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.]*