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**"AN ACT ELIMINATING INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS FOR THE
MED-CONNECT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR WORKING
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 17b-597 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

5 (a) The Department of Social Services shall establish and implement
6 a working persons with disabilities program to provide medical
7 assistance as authorized under 42 USC 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii), as amended
8 from time to time, to persons who are disabled and regularly employed.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
10 state plan to allow persons specified in subsection (a) of this section to
11 qualify for medical assistance. The amendment shall include the
12 following requirements: (1) That the person be engaged in a substantial
13 and reasonable work effort as determined by the commissioner and as

14 permitted by federal law and have an annual adjusted gross income, as
15 defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
16 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
17 as amended from time to time, of no more than [seventy-five] one
18 hundred fifty thousand dollars per year; (2) a disregard of all countable
19 income up to two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level; (3) for
20 an unmarried person, an asset limit of [ten] twenty thousand dollars,
21 and for a married couple, an asset limit of [fifteen] thirty thousand
22 dollars; (4) a disregard of any retirement and medical savings accounts
23 established pursuant to 26 USC 220 and held by either the person or the
24 person's spouse; (5) a disregard of any moneys in accounts designated
25 by the person or the person's spouse for the purpose of purchasing
26 goods or services that will increase the employability of such person,
27 subject to approval by the commissioner; (6) a disregard of spousal
28 income solely for purposes of determination of eligibility; and (7) a
29 contribution of any countable income of the person or the person's
30 spouse which exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level,
31 as adjusted for the appropriate family size, equal to ten per cent of the
32 excess minus any premiums paid from income for health insurance by
33 any family member, but which does not exceed the maximum
34 contribution allowable under Section 201(a)(3) of Public Law 106-170, as
35 amended from time to time.

36 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement [the]
37 policies and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this
38 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in
39 regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is
40 [published in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days after
41 implementation] posted on the eRegulations System in accordance with
42 section 17b-10. The commissioner shall define "countable income" for
43 purposes of subsection (b) of this section which shall take into account
44 impairment-related work expenses as defined in the Social Security Act.
45 Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final
46 regulations are effective."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-597
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