



Senate Bill No. 173

Public Act No. 22-121

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "institutionalized spouse" and "community spouse" have the same meanings as provided in 42 USC 1396r-5(h), as amended from time to time. The Commissioner of Social Services shall study the cost and feasibility of permitting a community spouse of an institutionalized spouse to retain the maximum resource amount allowable for such community spouse pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2), as amended from time to time.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report on the commissioner's findings, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

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