



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 173

LCO No. 1368



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

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:

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To determine the fiscal impact on the state and feasibility of permitting the community spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient to retain the maximum amount of assets allowed under federal law.

[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.]