



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 195

LCO No. 650



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSETS THAT
MAY BE RETAINED BY THE SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED
MEDICAID RECIPIENT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

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

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

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

10 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
11 state plan in accordance with federal law to set the minimum
12 community spouse resource allowance at fifty thousand dollars.

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

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

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 increase to fifty thousand dollars the minimum amount of assets that may be retained by the spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid beneficiary.

[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.]