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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1847

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM CARE
9 MEDICAID ASSISTANCE; TO ENSURE THAT BENEFICIARIES ON
10 THE LOW-INCOME DISABLED WORKING PERSON CATEGORY OF
11 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY CAN TRANSITION TO OTHER
12 CATEGORIES IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM UPON
13 RETIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM
17 CARE MEDICAID ASSISTANCE; TO ENSURE THAT
18 BENEFICIARIES ON THE LOW-INCOME DISABLED
19 WORKING PERSON CATEGORY OF MEDICAID CAN
20 TRANSITION TO OTHER CATEGORIES IN THE
21 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-127, concerning eligibility for long-
28 term care in the Arkansas Medicaid Program, is amended to add an additional
29 subsection to read as follows:

30 (d)(1) To the extent approved by the federal government, the
31 department shall exclude any assets accumulated in a person's independence
32 account and any income or assets from retirement benefits earned or
33 accumulated from employment income or employer contributions while the person
34 was employed and eligible for and receiving benefits under the low-income
35 disabled working person category of Medicaid eligibility, as established
36 under § 20-77-1201 et seq., when determining that person's financial



1 eligibility and cost-sharing requirements, if any, for the long-term care
2 medical assistance.

3 (2) As used in this section, "independence account" means an
4 account approved by the department that consists solely of savings, and
5 dividends or other gains derived from those savings, from income earned from
6 paid employment after the initial date on which a person began receiving
7 medical assistance under the low-income disabled working person category of
8 Medicaid eligibility, as established under § 20-77-1201 et seq.

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