



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5098**

LCO No. 1167



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSTITUTIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the 2020 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

4 (b) [Effective July 1, 2011, the] The commissioner shall provide a state  
5 supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal  
6 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care  
7 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]  
8 seventy-two dollars per month. Such state supplement payment shall be  
9 made to the long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal  
10 fund account of each such recipient. For the purposes of this subsection,  
11 "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent  
12 nursing home, a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing  
13 supervision, an intermediate care facility for individuals with  
14 intellectual disabilities or a state humane institution.

15 Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

17 [Effective July 1, 2011, the] The Commissioner of Social Services shall  
18 permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and  
19 state humane institutions who are medical assistance recipients under  
20 sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-285, inclusive, and  
21 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly personal fund  
22 allowance of [sixty] seventy-two dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	17b-272

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the amount of money residents of long-term care institutions who receive medical assistance may keep for personal needs.

*[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.]*