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Raised Bill No. 81

LCO No. 719



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT 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. (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).

7 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
8 state plan to permit a community spouse of an institutionalized spouse
9 to retain the maximum resource amount allowable for such community
10 spouse pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2).

11 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
12 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the

13 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 reduce the financial burden on spouses of nursing home residents whose care is being funded under the Medicaid program.

[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.]