

SENATE BILL 2159

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to a nursing home resident's personal
needs allowance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-147, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) In determining the amount of an eligible individual's income available for the cost of long-term nursing home care authorized under this part on or after January 1, 2025, a deduction shall be made from the person's total income in the amount of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month to be treated as a personal needs allowance within the meaning of applicable federal regulations.

(b)

(1) The health facilities commission is directed to review, and revise as necessary, recommendations previously developed to protect nursing home residents from vendors and others who would seek to provide inappropriate or unneeded goods and services, or otherwise divert personal needs allowance funds for uses other than those meeting residents' personal needs.

(2) The recommendations shall be provided to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate and the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives not later than January 15, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.