

HOUSE BILL No. 2548

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representative McDonald

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to personal needs
2 allowances; increasing the personal needs allowance for residents
3 receiving long-term care in a medicaid-approved nursing facility;
4 amending K.S.A. 39-972 and repealing the existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 39-972 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-
8 972. (a) The head of the designated state medicaid agency shall authorize
9 for each resident and each resident spouse of a nursing facility receiving
10 long-term care in a medicaid-approved institution to retain a certain
11 amount of money a month in a personal needs fund. Subject to the
12 provisions of this section, such amount shall be prescribed in rules and
13 regulations adopted by the head of the designated state medicaid agency,
14 except that the amount shall not be less than ~~\$50~~ \$85 on and after July 1,
15 ~~2006 through June 30, 2007, and on and after July 1, 2007, not less than~~
16 ~~\$60~~ 2026.

17 (b) The head of the designated state medicaid agency shall authorize
18 for persons receiving long-term care in a medicaid-approved institution
19 who also receive supplemental security income payments of a certain
20 amount of money per month to supplement such income. Subject to the
21 provisions of this section, such amount shall be prescribed in rules and
22 regulations adopted by the head of the designated state medicaid agency,
23 except that the amount shall not be less than \$30.

24 (c) On or before July 1, ~~2007~~ 2026, and each year thereafter, the
25 director of the budget shall certify to the head of the designated state
26 medicaid agency the annual average increase in the chained consumer
27 price index for all urban consumers for the preceding calendar year
28 published by the United States department of labor and the head of the
29 designated state medicaid agency may make adjustments for cost of living
30 increases in the amount of moneys that can be retained in the personal
31 needs funds pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) in an amount not to exceed
32 such increase.

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 39-972 is hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.