

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6775

LCO No. **3820**

Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS' PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall provide a state supplement payment for 5 recipients of Medicaid and the federal Supplemental Security Income 6 Program who reside in long-term care facilities sufficient to increase 7 their personal needs allowance to seventy-five dollars per month. On July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase 8 9 such state supplement payment over that of the previous fiscal year by 10 an amount sufficient to increase such personal needs allowance by an 11 amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the annual cost-of-living 12 adjustment in the federal Supplemental Security Income Program, if 13 any. Such state supplement payment shall be made to the long-term care 14 facility to be deposited into the personal fund account of each such

recipient. For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or a state humane institution.

20 Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the 21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Social Services shall permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and state humane institutions who are medical assistance recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly personal fund allowance of seventy-five dollars, adjusted annually on and after July 1, 2025, in accordance with section 17b-106, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	from passage	17b-272

AGE Joint Favorable