



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5300***

LCO No. 1231



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:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the 2026 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 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  
8 July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase  
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

15 recipient. For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term care facility"  
16 means a licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, a chronic  
17 disease hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an intermediate  
18 care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or a state  
19 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 Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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*):

22 The Commissioner of Social Services shall permit patients residing in  
23 nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and state humane institutions  
24 who are medical assistance recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262,  
25 inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361,  
26 inclusive, to have a monthly personal fund allowance of seventy-five  
27 dollars, adjusted annually on and after July 1, 2026, in accordance with  
28 section 17b-106, as amended by this act.

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

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*