

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 34



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

## AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESOURCES A COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT MAY RETAIN.

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

1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require the 2 Commissioner of Social Services to (1) amend the Medicaid state plan in 3 accordance with federal law to set the minimum community spouse 4 resource allowance at sixty thousand dollars, (2) report not later than 5 July 1, 2024, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly 6 having cognizance of matters relating to aging, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the number of 7 8 community spouses able to retain such resource allowance and the cost 9 to the state, and (3) adopt regulations as the commissioner deems 10 necessary to implement the resource allowance.

## Statement of Purpose:

To increase the minimum amount of assets that may be retained by the community spouse of a Medicaid recipient who is a permanent resident of a nursing facility or medical institution.