



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5301

LCO No. 1453



Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT EXCLUDING SPOUSAL INCOME FROM CERTAIN RENT, FEE AND COST-SHARING CALCULATIONS RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) To the extent permissible
2 under federal law, the Commissioner of Social Services shall seek a
3 federal Medicaid waiver or amend the Medicaid state plan, as necessary,
4 to disregard from income eligibility determinations any income earned
5 by a person who provides more than twenty-five per cent of daily care
6 for such person's spouse, who has applied for or is receiving services
7 under a Medicaid waiver program providing home and community-
8 based services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To exclude spousal income from income eligibility determinations relating to home and community-based services waiver programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]