

30:4-68.2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Mentally retarded--state facilities--incerease monthly personal needs)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 292

Bill No: A1955

Sponsor(s): Doyle and Ford

Date Introduced: April 30, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

Senate: Institutions, Health and Welfare, Revenue, Finance and Appropriations.

Amended during passage:

Yes

Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks. Substituted for S1878 (not attached since identical to A1955).

Date of Passage:

Assembly: February 4, 1985

Senate: June 27, 1985

Date of Approval: August 14, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:

Yes

Committee statement:

Assembly

No

Senate

Yes

2-25-85 and 6-20-85

Fiscal Note:

No

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1955

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 30, 1984

By Assemblyman DOYLE and Assemblywoman FORD

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and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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2 R. S. 30:4-23 who is not eligible for medical assistance under the
3 "New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act," P. L.
4 1968, c. 413 (C. 30:4D-1 et seq.), but who is a recipient of other
5 State assistance, shall be entitled to a \$35.00 monthly personal
6 needs allowance* **[**, notwithstanding the provisions of any statute,
7 rule or regulation or law to the contrary **]***.

1 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, pursuant to the
2 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968,
3 c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules and regulations necessary
4 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendment adopted January 3, 1985.**

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STATEMENT

This bill increases the monthly personal needs allowance from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for all residents of mental hospitals and State schools for the mentally retarded who are not eligible for Medicaid but are receiving other State assistance.

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SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1955

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DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 1985

This bill increases the monthly personal needs allowance from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for all residents of mental hospitals and State developmental centers for the mentally retarded who are not eligible for Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income assistance but who are receiving other State assistance.

The federal government originally provided in 1974 that recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance who reside in nursing facilities and long-term care State and county institutions are eligible for a monthly \$25.00 personal needs allowance. The State has since maintained a policy of equity for non-SSI recipients residing at these facilities and set the personal needs allowance for State-supported residents of these facilities at the same rate of \$25.00 per month.

This bill, which is identical to Senate Bill No. 1878, is a companion bill to Assembly Bill No. 1049 and Senate Bill No. 1876. These bills increase the personal needs allowance \$10.00 for recipients of Medicaid and SSI who reside in nursing facilities or State or county institutions.

There are approximately 3,500 persons who reside in State and county institutions and receive State assistance but who do not qualify for Medicaid or SSI. The estimated annual State cost of increasing the monthly allowance \$10.00 to \$105,000.00. Since these persons do not qualify for federal assistance, federal financial matching is not available.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There are approximately 3,500 persons who reside in State and county institutions and receive State assistance but who do not qualify for Medicaid or SSI. The estimated annual State cost of increasing the monthly allowance by \$10.00 is \$420,000.00. Since these persons do not qualify for federal assistance, federal financial matching is not available.

OTHER LEGISLATION:

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1878 (OCR).