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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2159
BY MASCHER and STEVENS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to increasing the personal needs allowance under
2 the medical assistance program for residents of nursing
3 facilities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.

2 The department of human services shall adopt rules which
3 provide that the personal needs allowance under the medical
4 assistance program, which is retained by a resident of a
5 nursing facility, is seventy-five dollars per month, unless a
6 greater amount is allowed under state or federal law.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt
9 rules to allow residents of nursing facilities participating
10 in the medical assistance program to retain a personal needs
11 allowance of \$75 per month, unless a greater amount is allowed
12 to be retained under state or federal law. The current
13 personal needs allowance is \$30 per month.

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