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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 295
BY LENSING

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the personal needs allowance amount for a
2 recipient of medical assistance residing in a nursing
3 facility.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.4, Code 2003, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
4 to increase the ongoing monthly personal needs allowance for a
5 medical assistance recipient residing in a nursing facility as
6 defined in section 135C.1 to fifty dollars beginning July 1,
7 2003. The rules shall provide that the amount shall be
8 increased annually thereafter by the same percentage as the
9 percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban
10 consumers during the twelve-month period prior to June of the
11 calendar year involved.

12 Sec. 2. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of human services
13 may adopt emergency rules to implement this Act.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill directs the director of human services to adopt
16 rules to increase the ongoing personal needs allowance for a
17 Medicaid recipient residing in a nursing facility to \$50
18 beginning July 1, 2003. The rules are to provide that the
19 amount is to be increased annually thereafter by the same
20 percentage as the percentage increase in the consumer price
21 index for all urban consumers during the 12-month period prior
22 to June of the calendar year involved. The bill authorizes
23 the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the bill.

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