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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

HOUSE FILE 45

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

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

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

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