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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, Fromhold and Moeller)

Brief Description: Concerning the treatment of income and resources for institutionalized persons receiving medical assistance.

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Provides that, for persons institutionalized on or after August 1, 2003, the department, in the interest of supporting the community spouse, shall allow up to a maximum of forty thousand dollars in resources for the community spouse. For the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and each fiscal biennium thereafter, the maximum resource allowance amount for the community spouse shall be adjusted for economic trends and conditions by increasing the amount allowable by the consumer price index as published by the federal bureau of labor statistics. However, in no case shall the amount allowable exceed the maximum resource allowance permissible under the social security act.