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By Representatives Morrell, Hinkle, Cody, Wallace and Moeller; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1            AN ACT Relating to eligibility for long-term care services; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) For purposes of RCW 74.04.005(10)(a), an applicant or recipient  
7 is not eligible for long-term care services if the applicant or  
8 recipient's equity interest in the home exceeds an amount established  
9 by the department in rule, which shall not be less than five hundred  
10 thousand dollars. This requirement does not apply if any of the  
11 following persons related to the applicant or recipient are legally  
12 residing in the home:

- 13            (a) A spouse; or
- 14            (b) A dependent child under age twenty-one; or
- 15            (c) A dependent child with a disability; or
- 16            (d) A dependent child who is blind; and
- 17            (e) The dependent child in (c) and (d) of this subsection meets the  
18 federal supplemental security income program criteria for disabled and  
19 blind.

1           (2) The dollar amounts specified in this section shall be increased  
2 annually, beginning in 2011, from year to year based on the percentage  
3 increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers, all  
4 items, United States city average, rounded to the nearest one thousand  
5 dollars.

6           (3) This section applies to individuals who are determined eligible  
7 for medical assistance with respect to long-term care services based on  
8 an application filed on or after May 1, 2006.

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