
HOUSE BILL 2651

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By Representatives Stanford, Johnson, Macri, Haler, Tharinger, Goodman, Caldier, Appleton, Harris, Jinkins, Barkis, Dolan, Senn, Gregerson, Wylie, Tarleton, McBride, Doglio, Eslick, Pollet, Slatter, Fey, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the personal needs allowance for
2 people in residential and institutional care settings; and amending
3 RCW 74.09.340.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.340 and 2017 c 270 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((Effective July 1, 2017))~~ (1) Except as provided in RCW
8 72.36.160, beginning January 1, 2019, the personal needs allowance
9 for clients being served in medical institutions and in residential
10 settings is eighty-five dollars.

11 (2) Beginning January 1, 2020, and each ((fiscal)) year
12 thereafter, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
13 this specific purpose, the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted
14 for economic trends and conditions by increasing the allowance by the
15 percentage cost-of-living adjustment for old-age, survivors, and
16 disability social security benefits as published by the federal
17 social security administration. However, in no case shall the
18 personal needs allowance exceed the maximum personal needs allowance
19 permissible under the federal social security act.

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