

House Bill 1606

By: Representative Dean of the 59<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to set a minimum amount for the personal  
3 needs allowance for Medicaid beneficiaries of nursing homes; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code Section 49-4-158 to read as  
9 follows:

10 "49-4-158.

11 The director of the Division of Medical Assistance of the department shall permit through  
12 rules and regulations each medical assistance recipient approved for nursing home  
13 payments to retain from his or her monthly income a minimum amount of \$45.00 a month  
14 for his or her personal needs allowance."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.