

Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 206*
 2 *(LC 33 7056S) by inserting after "applicability;" on line 7 the following:*

3 to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing
 4 home resident's income;

5 *By inserting between lines 54 and 55 the following:*

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-142, relating to modification of the state
 8 plan, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

9 "(d) The department shall, upon state appropriations, implement a modification of the state
 10 plan for medical assistance or any affected rules or regulations of the department, which
 11 modification shall provide that, in determining the amount of a recipient's income that is
 12 to be applied to payment for the costs of care in a nursing home, there shall be deducted
 13 a personal needs allowance of not less than \$70.00 per month which shall include the
 14 minimum amount required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(q)(2)."

15 *By redesignating Section 3 as Section 4.*