

**WITHDRAWN**

Senator Rhett of the 33rd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 154 (LC 37*  
2 *2439S) by inserting after "construction;" on line 5 the following:*

3 to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
4 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs  
5 allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income;

6 *By inserting between lines 198 and 199 the following:*

7 **SECTION 2A.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 medical assistance generally, is amended in Code Section 49-4-142, relating to modification  
10 of the state plan, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

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