

1999 SENATE BILL 433

March 1, 2000 – Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Referred to Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 227.45 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** the right to discovery
2 in class 3 administrative proceedings regarding recoupment of medical
3 assistance payments.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in any class 1 or class 3 administrative proceeding, an agency may by rule permit the taking and preservation of evidence. In those proceedings the taking and preservation of evidence shall be permitted with respect to a witness who is beyond the reach of a subpoena of the agency, is about to leave the state or is so sick or aged as to make it probable that the witness will be unable to attend the hearing. Currently, the department of health and family services has promulgated an emergency rule regarding the taking and preserving of evidence in class 3 administrative proceedings involving recoupment of overpayments from medical assistance providers.

This bill allows the parties in class 3 administrative proceedings involving recoupment of overpayments from medical assistance providers to take and preserve evidence for the administrative proceeding. The bill allows the hearing examiner, for good cause, to make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression or undue burden or expense during discovery.

This bill is introduced as required by section 227.19 (5) (e), stats., in support of the suspension by the joint committee for review of administrative rules on January 20, 2000, of HFS 106.12 (9) and 108.02 (9) (f), the emergency rules promulgated by

