



1995 SENATE BILL 20

January 17, 1995 - Introduced by Senators C. POTTER, RISSER, ROSENZWEIG, PLEWA, CHVALA, JAUCH, ANDREA and BURKE, cosponsored by Representatives KRUSICK, BOYLE, ZIEGELBAUER, CARPENTER, BRANDEMUEHL, OTT, KRUG, BOCK, R. YOUNG, BLACK, BAUMGART, GROBSCHMIDT, BALDUS, WIRCH, HANSON, HASENOHRL, R. POTTER, PLOMBON, BALDWIN, HUBER and RYBA. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 49.45 (7) (a); and **to create** 49.45 (7) (a) 1. of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** income that may be retained by a medical assistance
3 beneficiary who is in an institution.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a medical assistance beneficiary who is in an institution may ordinarily retain, each month, \$40 of his or her unearned income or, if greater, the amount of certain veteran's pensions for personal needs. This bill increases the amount of the medical assistance personal needs allowance, for those who do not have a higher qualifying veteran's pension, to \$45 and provides for future annual increases based on the rate of increase in personal income in this state.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 49.45 (7) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 49.45 (7) (a) (intro.) and
5 amended to read:

6 49.45 (7) (a) (intro.) A recipient who is a patient in a public medical institution
7 or an accommodated person and has a monthly income exceeding the payment rates
8 established under 42 USC 1382 (e) may retain \$40 ~~unearned income or the greater~~
9 of the following amounts of unearned income each month for personal needs:

