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Unofficial Copy 2001 Regular Session 11r2918 By: Senator Sfikas Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2001 Assigned to: Rules A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program - Adjustment of Asset and Income 3 4 FOR the purpose of increasing the allowable amount of certain assets and income for 5 eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; providing for 6 delayed effective dates for certain increases in the allowable income amount for 7 eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; providing for the 8 termination of certain sections of this Act; and generally relating to the 9 Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program. 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health - General 11 12 Section 15-124(a) Annotated Code of Maryland 13 14 (2000 Replacement Volume) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 17 **Article - Health - General** 18 15-124. 19 (a) (1) The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance 20 Program for low income individuals whose: 21 Assets are not more than [1.5] 4 times the amount of

22 accountable resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical

1. 26 unit] 135 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES[; and

23 Assistance Program; and

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1 2	(2)(ii)4 of this subsection		2.	An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph
3	(2) (i indicated.)	1.	In this paragraph the following words have the meanings
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8 9	Developmental Disabilit			"Sheltered workshop" means a workshop licensed by the on under Title 7, Subtitle 9 of this article.
10 11	(i Secretary shall:	i)	For the p	ourpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
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16			3.	Establish a family unit structure[; and
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13 14	Secretary shall:	(ii)	For the	purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the		
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18			2.	Define excluded assets; AND		
19			3.	Establish a family unit structure[; and		
22	4. Beginning July 1, 1985, increase annually at the time Social Security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the income level within which an individual is eligible for benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program by the larger of:					
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- 2 Social Security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the
- 3 income level within which an individual is eligible for benefits under the Maryland
- 4 Pharmacy Assistance Program by the larger of:
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- 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401-433) are increased by the federal government due
- 7 to cost-of-living changes as that percentage is reported in the Federal Register
- 8 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 415(I)(2)(D) but not to exceed 8 percent; or
- 9 B. The dollar amount by which the medical assistance income
- 10 schedules are increased by the State].
- 11 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
- 12 take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the
- 13 end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 14 Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 15 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
- 16 take effect July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the
- 17 end of June 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 18 Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 19 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall
- 20 take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the
- 21 end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 22 Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 23 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall
- 24 take effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the
- 25 end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 26 Section 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 27 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5 of this Act
- 28 shall take effect July 1, 2005.
- 29 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
- 30 Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.