

SENATE BILL 658

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By: **Senators Ruben, Hogan, Kasemeyer, and Middleton**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Developmental Disabilities Administration - Supplemental Security**  
3                           **Income - Cost-of-Living Increase**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Developmental Disabilities Administration from  
5 retaining cost-of-living increases in the Supplemental Security Income of  
6 individuals receiving residential or day program services provided by the  
7 Administration for a developmental disability; requiring the Administration to  
8 add the cost-of-living increase to the individual's personal needs allowance;  
9 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Developmental  
10 Disabilities Administration and the Supplemental Security Income increases  
11 received by individuals with developmental disabilities.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article - Health - General  
14 Section 7-101(a) and (b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article - Health - General  
19 Section 7-1012  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24                           **Article - Health - General**

25 7-101.

26 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (b) "Administration" means the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

1 7-1012.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE" MEANS THE AMOUNT  
3 PER MONTH THAT A PROVIDER MUST ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO RETAIN FROM  
4 THEIR MONTHLY INCOME FOR PERSONAL NEEDS.

5 (B) IF AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING RESIDENTIAL OR DAY PROGRAM SERVICES  
6 FOR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY RECEIVES A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE TO  
7 THE INDIVIDUAL'S SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY  
8 NOT RETAIN THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE TO OFFSET THE COST OF SERVICES  
9 BUT SHALL ADD IT TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL NEED ALLOWANCE.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2002.