

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2083

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on page 989 of the House Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2083 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disqualifying transfers for determining eligibility for service payments for elderly and disabled;"

Page 1, line 2, after "disabled" insert "; and to provide statements of legislative intent"

Page 2, line 24, remove the overstrike over "~~fifty~~", remove "~~twenty~~", and replace "all other" with "liquid" and after the period insert:

**"SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Disqualifying transfers.** An individual is not eligible to receive benefits under this chapter if, at any time before or after making application, the individual or the individual's spouse has made any assignment or transfer of any asset for the purpose of making that individual eligible for the benefits. Assignment or transfer includes any action or failure to act that effects a transfer, renunciation, or disclaimer of any asset or interest in an asset that the individual might otherwise assert or have asserted, or which serves to reduce the amount that an individual might otherwise claim from a decedent's estate, a trust or similar device, or another individual obligated by law to furnish support.

**SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED - SLIDING FEE SCALE - INCOME NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.** It is the intent of the fifty-eight legislative assembly that the department of human services reduce the income limit levels used for determining copayments for recipients of services under the service payments for elderly and disabled program as of April 1, 2003, by one hundred dollars for each monthly income level for recipients with liquid assets not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars and that the department disregard a portion of income relating to verified prescription drug costs of the recipient for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

**SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED SLIDING FEE SCALE - INCOME EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.** It is the intent of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly that the department of human services reduce the income limit levels used for determining copayments for recipients of services under the service payments for elderly and disabled program as of April 1, 2003, by two hundred fifty dollars for each monthly income level for recipients with liquid assets exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars but which do not exceed fifty thousand dollars and that the department disregard a portion of income relating to verified prescription drug costs of the recipient for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

**SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED - INCOME AND ASSET VERIFICATION.** It is the intent of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly that the department of human services verify all income of recipients of services under the service payments for elderly and disabled program

by reviewing and maintaining information contained on federal tax forms or similar documents and that the department of human services gather information on the value of income-producing and other assets, excluding an applicant's primary home, furnishings, and personal items, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005."

Renumber accordingly