

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 817
SENATE BILL 824

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO
ADJUST RATES IN LICENSED REST HOMES TO OFFSET ADDED COSTS OF
MINIMUM WAGE LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. The General Assembly of North Carolina finds that for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, the rates established for the room, board, care and custody of indigent citizens assigned by the State Department of Social Services to licensed family care homes or homes for the aged were based on the actual average cost of such services as determined by a Research Triangle Institute Cost Study, adjusted through 1971 to meet the added costs of minimum wage increases under Federal or State minimum wage laws. It is the intent of this act to authorize the use of available funds for such further adjustments as may be necessary to offset the increased costs of services due to any additional increases in minimum wages required by Federal or State laws after April 15, 1973.

Sec. 2. G.S. 108-27 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

"G.S. 108-27(c). The State Department of Social Services is authorized and empowered to utilize funds available to the Department to increase the rates for licensed family care homes or homes for the aged, or payments made for this purpose to persons assigned by the Department to these homes, to offset the increased costs due to any additional increases in minimum wages required by Federal or State laws after April 15, 1973."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of May, 1973.