

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60037-LNz-26A* (1/19)

Short Title: Ticket to Work/Medicaid Eligibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nye, Barnhart, England, and Earle (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPAND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY UNDER THE FEDERAL TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MEDICAID REFORM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The following individuals are eligible for Medicaid benefits under the State Medical Assistance Program:

- (1) Individuals who are age 16 through 64 who are disabled and who are working, and
- (2) Individuals who qualified for Medicaid under subdivision (1) of this section, but who lost eligibility for Medicaid under subdivision (1) of this section due to medical improvement, but who retain severe impairment.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to support the expansion of Medicaid eligibility authorized under Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.