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SENATE DRS35159-LN-116 (2/21)

Short Title:	Social Security Increase/Medicaid Eligibility.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Kinnaird.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ADOPT A POLICY ALLOWING A CERTAIN INCOME DISREGARD UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall adopt and implement a policy that will prevent a Medicaid recipient from losing Medicaid eligibility solely on the basis that the recipient's Social Security Income or Supplemental Security Income has increased because of a cost-of-living adjustment in the recipient's Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand Medicaid income eligibility requirements. If approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required for this policy to be implemented, the Department shall apply to CMS for approval.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.