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SENATE BILL 689

Short Title: Social Security Increase/Medicaid Eligibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; Berger of Franklin and Purcell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO ADOPT A POLICY ALLOWING A CERTAIN INCOME
4 DISREGARD UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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