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INCREASE LIFE INSURANCE EXEMPTION FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

House Bill 4815

Sponsor: Rep. Barb Vander Veen

House Bill 4816

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Hart

House Bill 4817

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Switalski

Committee: Health Policy

Complete to 9-5-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4815 TO 4817 AS INTRODUCED 5-24-01

In order to be eligible for Medicaid, a person must meet certain standards described in the Social Welfare Act (MCL 400.106). The person must be eligible to receive Family Independence Agency (FIA) program benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, or state supplementation under Title XVI. The person must also meet certain asset standards. However, up to \$1,000 of life insurance is excluded from these restrictions. House Bills 4815-4817 would amend the Social Welfare Act (MCL 400.106, 400.106a, and 400.106b) to increase this exemption to \$10,000, and to delete archaic language and make technical amendments to the act. The bills are tie-barred so that none of the bills would become law unless all were enacted.

House Bills 4815-4817 (9-5-01)

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