

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2257**

Chapter 28, Laws of 2003

58th Legislature  
2003 1st Special Session

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--TREATMENT OF INCOME

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/03

Passed by the House June 4, 2003  
Yeas 85 Nays 7

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate June 5, 2003  
Yeas 30 Nays 16

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved June 26, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2257** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

**Chief Clerk**

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June 26, 2003 - 10:07 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Sommers, Fromhold and Moeller)

READ FIRST TIME 04/23/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to the treatment of income and resources for  
2 institutionalized persons receiving medical assistance; amending RCW  
3 74.09.575; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.575 and 1989 c 87 s 5 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The department shall promulgate rules consistent with the  
8 treatment of resources provisions of section 1924 of the social  
9 security act entitled "Treatment of Income and Resources for Certain  
10 Institutionalized Spouses," in determining the allocation of resources  
11 between the institutionalized and community spouse.

12            (2) In the interest of supporting the community spouse the  
13 department shall allow the maximum resource allowance amount  
14 permissible under the social security act for the community spouse for  
15 persons institutionalized before August 1, 2003.

16            (3) For persons institutionalized on or after August 1, 2003, the  
17 department, in the interest of supporting the community spouse, shall  
18 allow up to a maximum of forty thousand dollars in resources for the  
19 community spouse. For the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and

1 each fiscal biennium thereafter, the maximum resource allowance amount  
2 for the community spouse shall be adjusted for economic trends and  
3 conditions by increasing the amount allowable by the consumer price  
4 index as published by the federal bureau of labor statistics. However,  
5 in no case shall the amount allowable exceed the maximum resource  
6 allowance permissible under the social security act.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
10 July 1, 2003.

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