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SENATE BILL 13-209

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees Health & Human Services **House Committees**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN INCREASE TO THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR

102 **PERSONS IN NURSING CARE FACILITIES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill changes the personal needs allowance by increasing the minimum amount payable to a resident of a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation from \$50 to \$75 per month.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. <u>Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.</u> Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute. 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-206, amend
3 (2) (a) as follows:

4 **25.5-6-206.** Personal needs benefits - amount - patient 5 personal needs trust fund required - funeral and burial expenses -6 penalty for illegal retention and use. (2) (a) The basic minimum 7 amount payable pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for personal 8 needs to any recipient admitted to a nursing facility or intermediate care 9 facility for the mentally retarded shall be fifty SEVENTY-FIVE dollars 10 monthly.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.