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SENATE BILL 14-130

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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 <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.</u>)

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 individuals with intellectual disabilities from \$50 to \$75 per month. Additionally, the bill adjusts the minimum personal needs allowance annually by the annual percentage increase in the nursing

facility provider rate.

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 individuals with intellectual disabilities is fifty SEVENTY-FIVE 10 dollars monthly; EXCEPT THAT, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015, AND EACH 11 JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE BASIC MINIMUM AMOUNT SHALL INCREASE 12 ANNUALLY BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN 13 THE NURSING FACILITY PROVIDER RATE.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2014.
 SECTION 3. 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.