

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Medicaid residents in nursing homes have an allowance of \$30 a month for all personal needs. The amount has not been increased since 1983. H.B. 143 would set the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents in nursing homes at \$60 per month.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 143 sets the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents in nursing homes at \$60 per month.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (v), to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to set a personal needs allowance of not less than \$60 a month for a person who receives medical assistance and resides in a licensed convalescent home or other similar long-term care facility. Authorizes the HHSC to send the allowance directly to a resident who receives Supplemental Security Income. Provides that this subsection does not apply to a resident participating in a medical assistance waiver program administered by HHSC.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes the application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.