

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 1104\***

Short Title: Spec. Asst./Increase Pers. Allow.

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Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; Ballance, Clodfelter, Cochrane, Dannelly, Forrester, Hagan, Lucas, and Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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April 15, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE  
LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS FOR PERSONAL NEEDS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall increase the amount allowed under State/County Special Assistance for Adults for personal needs from thirty-one dollars (\$31.00) to forty-one dollars (\$41.00). The Department shall establish the personal allowance based on cost-of-care increases to ensure that funds for residents' personal needs are adequate to meet increases in the cost of living. The Department shall not decrease the total amount allowed a resident for personal needs as a result of increases in the personal allowance.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one million four hundred forty-two thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$1,442,280) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of one million five hundred fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,514,400) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the increase in the personal needs allowance enacted in Section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.