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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 935, L.D. 2455,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Require the Department of Human
9 Services to Reimburse Home Health Agencies for the
10 Reasonable Costs of Recruiting, Training and Retaining
11 Qualified Nursing Staff."

12 Amend the Bill in the first line of the amending
13 clause by inserting at the beginning the following:
14 'Sec. 1.'

15 Further amend the Bill in that part designated
16 '\$2149.' in subsection 1 in paragraph D by adding at
17 the end the following: 'The monthly limits on costs
18 per individual receiving in-home services as an
19 alternative to institutional care shall be at least
20 \$1,878 for skilled level care and \$1,361 for
21 intermediate level care.'

22 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end
23 before the statement of fact the following:

24 'Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The following funds
25 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out
26 the purposes of this Act.

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1988-89

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 935, L.D. 2455

1	Home-Based Care	
2	All Other	\$172,366
3	Payments to Providers of Medical Care	
4	All Other	133,570
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6	Total	<u>\$305,936</u>

7 Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are
8 allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry
9 out the purposes of this Act.

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11 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

12	Payments to Providers of Medical Care	
13	All Other	\$268,504

14 FISCAL NOTE

15 Enactment of this bill will require a General Fund
16 appropriation of \$172,366 in fiscal year 1988-89 to
17 the home-based care account. This amount will provide
18 a 25% increase in home-based care funds designated to
19 reimburse home health agencies for services rendered.
20 The Medicaid reimbursement rate for services for home
21 health agencies is currently at the level of those
22 rates paid for nursing home care and, therefore, would
23 not need additional funds. Additional funds may be
24 needed in the next biennium in the home-based care
25 account to meet future rate adjustments to avoid a
26 reduction in clients served or units of service
27 provided. An additional appropriation of \$133,570 in
28 fiscal year 1988-89 funds the increased reimbursement
29 for the alternative long-term care and Medicaid
30 waived services.'

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 This amendment adjusts the monthly limits on costs
33 per individual receiving in-home services as an

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1 alternative to institutional care to at least \$1,878
2 for skilled level care and \$1,361 for intermediate
3 level care. It also adds a fiscal note, an allocation
4 and an appropriation.

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