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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 548, L.D. 1496, Bill, "An Act to Improve the AFDC Program"

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Amend the amendment in Part A in section 7 in that part designated "§3741-C." by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

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'4. Time limited benefits. For all recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits except those with handicapping disabilities that prevent them from obtaining gainful employment, Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant assistance is limited in accordance with this subsection.

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A. Benefits are limited to a maximum of 36 consecutive months after completion of the work evaluation phase. Following a period of 3 months during which the family does not receive benefits under the AFDC program, the department may authorize benefits to resume for 24 months for a family that meets the standards for extraordinary circumstances as defined in rules adopted by the department. The department shall adopt rules defining extraordinary circumstances for the purposes of this paragraph.

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B. Recipients whose grant assistance is terminated pursuant to this subsection and whose family income is at or below 125% of the federal poverty level are entitled in the same manner as other former recipients to transitional benefits for child care and transportation as needed for employment and for medical care.

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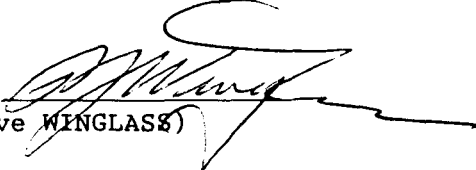
2 C. No family in which an adult recipient is of sound mind
4 and able body may receive benefits for more than 5 years.'

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 Establishing a 36-month time limit for benefits with a
10 lifetime limitation of 5 years will result in General Fund and
12 Federal Expenditure Fund savings beginning in fiscal year
14 1997-98. The time limit may also result in future General
16 Assistance program costs. The exact amounts cannot be determined
18 and are contingent upon federal approval.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This amendment amends the majority committee amendment to
24 the bill. It adds a provision that Aid to Families with
26 Dependent Children benefits are limited to 36 consecutive months
28 after completion of the 90-day work evaluation phase. It allows
30 the Department of Human Services to grant extensions of 24
32 months. It imposes a lifetime limitation on benefits of 5 years
for all families in which an adult recipient is of sound mind and
able body.

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