

JAN 18 2006

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The department may also place a lien against the real
4 property of any recipient receiving medical assistance who is an
5 inpatient in a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for
6 the mentally retarded, or other medical institution, after a
7 state determination, pursuant to notice and hearing requirements
8 of chapter 91, that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected
9 to be discharged from the medical institution and returned home.
10 There is a rebuttable presumption that the recipient cannot
11 reasonably be expected to be discharged from the facility and
12 return home if the recipient or a representative of the
13 recipient declares that there is no intent to return home or if
14 the recipient has been institutionalized for six months or
15 longer without a discharge plan.

16 (1) The department may not place a lien on the recipient's
17 home if the recipient's:

18 (A) Spouse;



1 (B) Minor, blind, or disabled child; or

2 (C) Sibling who has an equity interest in the home
3 and who was residing in the home for a period of
4 at least one year immediately before the date of
5 the recipient's admission to the medical
6 institution;

7 is lawfully residing in the home.

8 (2) The department shall not recover funds from the lien
9 on the recipient's home [~~when~~]:

10 (A) [A] When a sibling who was residing in the home
11 for a period of at least one year immediately
12 before the date of the recipient's admission to
13 the medical institution; or

14 (B) [A] When a son or daughter who was residing in
15 the recipient's home for a period of at least two
16 years immediately before the date of the
17 recipient's admission to the medical institution,
18 and who establishes to the satisfaction of the
19 State that he or she provided care to the
20 recipient which permitted such recipient to
21 reside at home rather than in an institution;



1 lawfully resides in the home and has lawfully resided
2 in the home on a continuous basis since the date of
3 the recipient's admission to the medical institution.

4 (3) In excess of the recipient's equity interest in the
5 home.

6 ~~[(3) The department also shall not recover funds from the~~
7 ~~lien if]~~ (4) If the recipient has a surviving
8 spouse~~[+]~~ or surviving minor, blind, or disabled
9 child.

10 ~~[(4)]~~

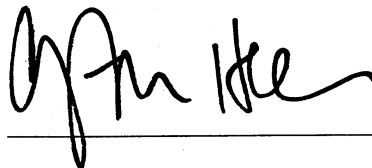
11 Any lien imposed with respect to this subsection shall be
12 dissolved upon the individual's discharge from the medical
13 institution and return home."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



SB 2007

Report Title:
Human Services

Description:
Limits the Department of Human Services' recovery of funds on a real property lien to the recipient's equity interest in the home.

