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2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1267

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1267

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 21, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Rayburn</i>			

Rep. Keiser appeared as prime sponsor in support stating the husband and wife are jointly responsible for medical debts and this bill will add that to this section in the NDCC.

Todd Kranda of the ND Collector's Assoc. appeared in support stating necessary medical care is a jointly responsibility as well as food, shelter, clothing and this is the heart and clarification of the bill.

Questions of the committee on whether this would cause more divorces between couples because of Medicaid costs and the liability on nursing homes.

Kim Rau, of the ND Collector's Assoc. appeared in support with written testimony.

Craig Volesky, Dept. of Human Services of Medicaid eligibility appeared to address questions of the committee stating we do for Medicaid purposes say that spouses are responsible for each other and regardless of what happens on this bill, we still view it that way. Currently the amount of assets a spouse at home can keep increases and now is \$92,280.00 and the monthly income on

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hand is between \$2200.00 - 2300.00. Any excess assets they would have to spend down before their spouse becomes eligible for Medicaid.

Arnold Thomas, Pres. of the ND Health Care Assoc. appeared in support and states this would clarify things.

No opposition. Closed the hearing.

Afternoon Discussion:

Rep. Sandvig had problems with the bill and concerns with increasing separations and divorces in regard to the medical bills.

Rep. Porter stated he didn't see it that way and that this is bill collection process where it was found to be a loop hole, this is just putting responsibilities with both the husband and wife as it should be.

Rep. Potter feels that 99% of people already think its their obligation to already pay for spouses medical bills.

Rep. Pollert moved a DP , second by Rep. Wieland. 11 - 1 - 1. Rep. Wieland to carry the bill.

Date: January 21, 2003
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1267

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DP

Motion Made By Rep. Pollert Seconded By Rep. Wieland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price - Chair <u>A</u>			Rep. Sally Sandvig		✓
Rep. Bill Devlin, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman	✓	
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓		Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Gerald Uglem	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Gary Kreidt	✓				
Rep. Alon Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Wieland

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 21, 2003 4:42 p.m.

Module No: HR-11-0874
Carrier: Wieland
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1267: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1267 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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HR-11-0874

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