

Amend SB 1862 by inserting the following new SECTION, and renumber the remaining SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 32.024(w), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows: (w) The department shall set a personal needs allowance of not less than \$45 [~~\$60~~] a month for a resident of a convalescent or nursing home or related institution licensed under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, personal care facility, ICF-MR facility, or other similar long-term care facility who receives medical assistance. The department may send the personal needs allowance directly to a resident who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (42 U.S.C. Section 1381 et seq.). This subsection does not apply to a resident who is participating in a medical assistance waiver program administered by the department.

(b) Section 32.024(w), Human Resources Code, as amended by this section, applies only to a personal needs allowance paid on or after the effective date of this Act.