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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases the MA asset and spenddown standards for persons who are elderly (age 65 and over), blind, or disabled.

#### Section

- 1**     **Asset limitations for certain individuals.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. Increases the MA asset limit for persons who are elderly, blind, or disabled, from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for an individual, and from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for a household of two. Provides a July 1, 2016, effective date.
- 2**     **Excess income standard.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 5c. Effective July 1, 2016, increases the excess income (spenddown) standard for persons who are elderly, blind, or disabled, from 75 percent to 100 percent of FPG. (Under current law, the spenddown standard is scheduled to increase to 80 percent of FPG on that date.)