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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases the MA asset, income, 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 aged, blind, or disabled, from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for an individual, and from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for a household of two. Also allows an additional \$10,000 in assets to be held for home maintenance and required repairs if specified criteria are met. Provides a July 1, 2015, effective date.
- 2**     **Income.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 4. Increases the MA income limit for persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, from 100 percent to 133 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Provides a July 1, 2015, effective date.
- 3**     **Excess income standard.** Amends § 256b.056, subd. 5c. Increases the excess income (spenddown) standard for persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, from 75 percent to 133 percent of FPG.