

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 854, Page 8,
2 Section 660.315, Line 136, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

3 "Section 1. 1. The department of social services is authorized to pay for coverage for
4 health services for non-Medicaid eligible blind individuals who receive benefits under the
5 Missouri blind pension cash grant and have a gross family income of between zero percent and
6 three hundred percent of the federal poverty level. Such individuals shall pay the following health
7 care premiums based on such individual's gross income to be eligible to receive such benefits:

8 (1) No premium for an individual with a gross income of up to one hundred fifty percent
9 of the federal poverty level;

10 (2) Three percent of one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level for an
11 individual for individuals with a gross income of more than one hundred fifty and up to one
12 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level;

13 (3) Four percent of one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level for an
14 individual for individuals with a gross income of more than one hundred eighty-five and up to two
15 hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level; and

16 (4) Five percent of two hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level for an
17 individual for individuals with a gross income of more than two hundred twenty-five and up to
18 three hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

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20 Any individual with a gross income of greater than three hundred percent of the federal poverty
21 level is ineligible for benefits under this section.

22 2. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Blind Pension Health Care Fund"
23 which shall consist of all federal moneys received by the state for the purpose of providing health
24 care services for non-Medicaid eligible blind individuals who receive benefits under the Missouri
25 blind pension cash grant. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with
26 sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a
27 dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the
28 administration of the program of health care benefits described in subsection 1 of this section.

1 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys
2 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
3 revenue fund.

4 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds
5 are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

6 3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Blind Pension Premium Fund"
7 which shall consist of all premiums collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be
8 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may
9 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, money in the
10 fund shall be used solely for the administration of the program of health care benefits described in
11 subsection 1 of this section.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
13 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
14 revenue fund.

15 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds
16 are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

17 Section B. Because of the need to protect funding for the blind pension health care fund,
18 the enactment of section 1 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the
19 public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
20 meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 1 of this act shall be in full force and
21 effect upon its passage and approval.”; and

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23 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
24 accordingly.