



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 312***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME CLOSURES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. The Department of Social Services, in collaboration with  
2 the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health  
3 and Addiction Services, shall study options for developing a program  
4 pursuant to which nursing homes that are to be closed due to financial  
5 difficulties may be evaluated for use by the Department of Social  
6 Services as intermediate care facilities for persons with subacute  
7 psychiatric disabilities. Not later than February 1, 2002, the  
8 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report containing the  
9 department's findings and recommendations to the select committee of  
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
11 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
12 general statutes.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-352 of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

15 (b) Any facility which intends to (1) transfer all or part of its  
16 ownership or control prior to being initially licensed; (2) introduce any  
17 additional function or service into its program of care or expand an  
18 existing function or service; or (3) terminate a service or decrease  
19 substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit a complete request for  
20 permission to implement such transfer, addition, expansion, increase,

21 termination or decrease with such information as the department  
22 requires to the Department of Social Services. In the event that a  
23 nursing home facility ceases to operate, two-thirds of the total number  
24 of titles to such facility's certificate of need shall revert to the  
25 Department of Social Services.

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*