



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1031

LCO No. 2910

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (g) "Mental health facility" means any facility for the care or
4 treatment of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed adults, [except that
5 on and after October 1, 1993, mental health facilities shall] or any
6 mental health outpatient treatment facility that provides treatment to
7 persons sixteen years of age or older who are receiving services from
8 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, but does not
9 include family care homes for the mentally ill.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 19a-498 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

12 (c) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, with
13 respect to any mental health facility, as defined in subsection [(h)] (g)
14 of section 19a-490, as amended by this act, or alcohol or drug treatment

15 facility, as defined in subsection [(i)] (h) of section 19a-490, shall be
16 authorized, either upon the request of the Commissioner of Public
17 Health or at such other times as they deem necessary, to enter such
18 facility for the purpose of inspecting programs conducted therein. A
19 written report of the findings of any such inspection shall be
20 forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Health and a copy shall be
21 maintained in the facility's licensure file.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the licensing of mental health facilities that treat persons sixteen years of age or older in outpatient settings and to make technical changes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]