



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6513***

LCO No. 1446

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 4a-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 The estate administrator may act as guardian, conservator,  
4 administrator or trustee, or in any other fiduciary capacity under the  
5 jurisdiction and appointment of the probate courts of this state or like  
6 courts of any other state or of the United States, or any instrumentality  
7 of any other state or of the United States qualified to appoint  
8 fiduciaries, only in connection with property of any minor, incapable,  
9 incompetent or deceased person who is or has been receiving financial  
10 aid from the state. In the case of any person receiving public or  
11 medical assistance from the state, the estate administrator shall apply  
12 toward the cost of care of such person any assets exceeding limits on  
13 assets set by statute or regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
14 Social Services. The estate administrator shall have the same rights and  
15 powers and be subject to the same duties and obligations as are

16 possessed by and imposed upon guardians, conservators,  
17 administrators and other fiduciaries, and such courts or  
18 instrumentalities are authorized to appoint the estate administrator,  
19 trustee or other fiduciary in connection with property of any such  
20 minor, incapable, incompetent or deceased person. [The authority of  
21 the estate administrator to act and of the court or instrumentality to  
22 appoint such estate administrator shall be limited to cases in which the  
23 estate consists of personal property only, and the amount of personal  
24 property involved, or the annual income other than state benefits, does  
25 not exceed ten thousand dollars in value.] The estate administrator  
26 shall be excused from giving any bond in any court proceeding, and  
27 shall not be allowed a fee for services.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To amend the powers of the estate administrator within the Department of Administrative Services, who recovers assets of certain persons who have received financial aid from the state, in order to remove the restriction that the administrator's authority be limited to cases where the estate consists of personal property only and the value of the property or the adjusted annual income does not exceed ten thousand dollars.

*[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.]*