



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 730

LCO No. 2671

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

REP. MARTINEZ, 128th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS AND THE HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

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

1 That section 17b-342 of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Commissioner of Social Services to apply to the Centers for
3 Medicaid and Medicare Services for a waiver to cover in the Medicaid
4 home-care program services provided by personal care attendants and
5 services provided by nonspousal family members. The commissioner
6 shall allow personal care attendant services as an alternative covered
7 service to home health care aide services under the home-care program
8 for the elderly, provided the annualized cost of such personal care
9 attendant services does not exceed the annualized cost for home health
10 care aide services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Personal care
11 attendant services shall be defined to include care services provided by
12 nonspousal family members.

Statement of Purpose:

To have PCAs covered under the home-care program for the elderly within already existing expenditures and allow nonspousal family

members to serve as reimbursed personal care attendants for their elderly relatives.