



General Assembly

January Session, 2003

**Raised Bill No. 1053**

LCO No. 3848

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF A STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-105a of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (NEW) (c) The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to 7 CFR  
4 273.9, shall implement the federal option to mandate the use of a  
5 standard utility allowance, to be used in place of actual utility costs, for  
6 purposes of calculating the excess shelter deduction of applicants for,  
7 or recipients of, food stamp program benefits.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Social Services to adopt a mandatory standard utility allowance to be used when making eligibility determinations and redeterminations for food stamp program benefits.

*[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.]*