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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE AND
THE HOME-CARE PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) Until June 30, 2006, the
4 Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations,
5 establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to allow no more
6 than one hundred persons who are sixty-five years of age or older and
7 meet the eligibility requirements of the Connecticut home-care
8 program for the elderly established under section 17b-342 of the
9 general statutes to receive personal care assistance as an alternative
10 covered service to home health services in order to avoid
11 institutionalization, provided the average annual cost to the state for
12 such personal care assistance for each recipient in the pilot program
13 does not exceed the average annual cost to the state for a recipient of
14 home health services provided under the program. Personal care
15 assistance under the program may be provided by nonspousal family

16 members of the recipient of services under the program.

17 (b) In conducting the pilot, the commissioner or the commissioner's
18 agent (1) may require as a condition of participation that participants
19 in the pilot program disclose if a personal care assistant is a
20 nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the participants to ensure
21 quality of services by the personal care assistants, and (3) shall ensure
22 the cost-effectiveness of the program.

23 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to
24 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a
25 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services
26 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by
27 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and
28 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

29 (d) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Social
30 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint
31 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
32 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to aging. The report shall be submitted in accordance with
35 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

36 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
37 Services, pursuant to section 17b-342 of the general statutes, shall
38 apply to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for a waiver
39 to include in the Medicaid funded home-care program the pilot
40 program established in section 1 of this act. In no event shall the
41 number of pilot program participants exceed one hundred persons."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>