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House Bill No. 6646

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE ACQUIRED OR TRAUMATIC
BRAIN INJURY GROUP HOME PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-468b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 368v and 368z,
5 community-based organizations may operate residences for adult
6 persons with acquired brain injuries. [on a pilot basis until October 1,
7 2005.] Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 378, medication may
8 be administered to persons residing in such residences by trained
9 persons pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed under
10 chapter 370, a dentist licensed under chapter 379, an advanced practice
11 registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-
12 94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with
13 section 20-12d. The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation

14 with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall
15 develop standards for the operation of such residences and the
16 training required of persons authorized under this section to
17 administer medications in such residences.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	17a-468b(b)

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill allows the community-based group home pilot program under the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to continue on a permanent basis. No fiscal impact is anticipated as the department would continue to provide community services to individuals with acquired brain injuries without this pilot program.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill makes permanent the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' community-based, group home pilot program for people with acquired brain injury, which is scheduled to end on October 1, 2005. Three homes currently house six people.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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