



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6572

LCO No. 2861

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT REQUIRING A PAIN MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL IN NURSING HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Each nursing home, as
2 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, shall establish and
3 implement a pain management protocol for the benefit of residents.
4 The protocol shall be consistent with regulations adopted pursuant to
5 subsection (b) of this section.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
7 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a pain
8 management protocol for use in nursing homes. In adopting such
9 regulations, the commissioner shall consider the (1) standards for the
10 assessment and management of pain adopted by the Joint Commission
11 on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and (2) pain
12 management directive adopted by the Veterans Health Administration
13 within the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require nursing homes to establish and implement a pain management protocol for the benefit of patients.

[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.]