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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING FILING DEADLINES FOR MANAGED CARE OMBUDSMAN REPORTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-1049 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) There is established an advisory committee to the Office of
4 Managed Care Ombudsman which shall meet four times a year with
5 the Managed Care Ombudsman and the staff of the Office of Managed
6 Care Ombudsman to review and assess the performance of the Office
7 of Managed Care Ombudsman. The advisory committee shall consist
8 of six members appointed one each by the president pro tempore of
9 the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority
10 leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
11 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
12 leader of the House of Representatives. Each member of the advisory
13 committee shall serve a term of five years and may be reappointed at
14 the conclusion of that term. All initial appointments to the advisory
15 committee shall be made not later than March 1, 2000.

16 (b) The advisory committee shall make an annual evaluation of the
17 effectiveness of the Office of Managed Care Ombudsman and shall
18 submit the evaluation to the Governor and the joint standing
19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to public health and insurance not later than [February] April
21 first of each year commencing February 1, 2001.

22 Sec. 2. Section 38a-1050 of the general statutes is repealed and the
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

24 The Managed Care Ombudsman shall submit, not later than
25 [January] March first of each year, a report to the Governor and the
26 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
27 of matters relating to public health and insurance concerning the
28 activities of the ombudsman. The report shall include, but not be
29 limited to, information regarding: (1) The subject matter, disposition
30 and number of consumer complaints processed by the ombudsman; (2)
31 common problems and concerns discerned by the ombudsman from
32 the consumer complaints and other relevant sources; (3) the need, if
33 any, for administrative, legislative or executive remedies to assist
34 consumers; and (4) the fiscal accounts of the Office of Managed Care
35 Ombudsman.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	38a-1049
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	38a-1050

Statement of Purpose:

To change the deadlines for the filing of reports by the Managed Care Ombudsman and the office's advisory committee in order to allow the incorporation of all relevant data from the prior calendar year.

[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.]