



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 64

LCO No. 415

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION AND CARE OF PATIENTS IN NURSING HOMES.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require: (1) The Department
2 of Social Services, in consultation with the Department of Mental
3 Health and Addiction Services, amend the Pre-Admission Level II
4 Evaluation for Positive Mental Illness Mental Retardation Screening
5 Form so as to incorporate additional information regarding high risk
6 behaviors of any patient evaluated, and (2) that a nursing home
7 administrator, prior to admitting any patient who has undergone said
8 evaluation and screening, shall make a written determination that such
9 nursing home has adequate programming and staff to provide for the
10 care and safety of the patient to be admitted and the other residents of
11 the nursing home.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the safety and well-being of nursing home residents through adequate screening of potential residents for mental illness and by requiring nursing home administrators to certify in writing prior to the admission of a person with a mental illness, that such nursing home

has adequate programming and staff to provide for the care and safety of such person and the other residents of the nursing home.