



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 546**

LCO No. 1343

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

SEN. COOK, 18th Dist.

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

REP. WINKLER, 41st Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING SAFEGUARDS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE CLIENTS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require home health
- 2 care agencies to conduct preemployment criminal background checks
- 3 on employees, and (2) prohibit employees of home health care agencies
- 4 from (A) assisting a patient in the development of a will or estate plan,
- 5 or (B) being designated as a beneficiary, attorney-in-fact, conservator
- 6 or guardian in a patient's will or estate plan.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate fraud in the home health care industry.