



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 967

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON AGING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) There is established a Commission on Aging to advocate on
4 behalf of elderly persons on issues and programs of concern to the
5 elderly including, but not limited to, health care, nutrition, housing,
6 employment, transportation, legal assistance and economic security.
7 The commission shall be composed of [~~eleven~~] seventeen voting
8 members who are knowledgeable about areas of interest to the elderly
9 to be appointed as follows: Five by the Governor, [~~one~~] two by the
10 president pro tempore of the Senate, [~~one~~] two by the speaker of the
11 House of Representatives, [~~one~~] two by the majority leader of the
12 Senate, [~~one~~] two by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives, [~~one~~] two by the minority leader of the Senate and
14 [~~one~~] two by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The
15 initial appointments to the commission shall be made by August 15,
16 1993. The initial term for three of the members appointed by the
17 Governor and the members appointed by the president pro tempore of
18 the Senate, majority leader of the House of Representatives and
19 minority leader of the Senate shall expire August 15, 1997, and the
20 initial term for two of the members appointed by the Governor and the

21 members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 majority leader of the Senate and minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives shall expire August 15, 1995. Thereafter, all members
24 shall be appointed for a term of four years from August fifteenth in the
25 year of their appointment. Members shall be limited to two
26 consecutive terms. The commission shall include the following ex-
27 officio nonvoting members: [The chairpersons and ranking members
28 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters concerning the provision of services to the
30 elderly and] A cochairperson and a ranking member of the joint
31 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
32 matters relating to human services, a cochairperson and ranking
33 member of the select committee on aging, the Commissioners of Social
34 Services, Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Mental
35 Retardation, Economic and Community Development and
36 Transportation, the Insurance Commissioner and the Labor
37 Commissioner. The chairperson of the commission shall be [selected
38 by the Governor] elected from among its members. Members of the
39 commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall
40 be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred in the performance
41 of their duties. [The Commissioner of Social Services shall convene the
42 initial organizational meeting of the Commission on Aging on or
43 before September 1, 1993.]

44 (b) The Commission on Aging shall: (1) Prepare and issue an annual
45 report to the Governor, General Assembly and the legislative body of
46 each municipality in the state on its findings and recommendations
47 concerning services for the elderly in the state; (2) conduct annual
48 public hearings on issues affecting the well-being of the elderly in the
49 state; (3) meet [at least monthly with the commissioner and the head of
50 the Division of Elderly Services of the Department of Social Services]
51 regularly with representatives of state agencies to review and
52 comment on the policies and procedures of the department concerning
53 the elderly; (4) review and comment on the budget of the [Division of
54 Elderly Services of] State Unit on Aging within the Department of

55 Social Services; (5) meet as needed with state officials to discuss issues
56 affecting the elderly; (6) conduct studies and report on issues affecting
57 the elderly; and (7) disseminate information to the business
58 community, education community, state and local governments and
59 the media on the nature and scope of the problems faced by the
60 elderly. The commission may accept any gifts, donations or bequests
61 and may enter into contracts for any of the purposes of this section.

62 (c) There shall be an executive director of the Commission on Aging
63 who shall be appointed by the commission. There may be additional
64 staff within available appropriations. The commission shall be within
65 the [Department of Social Services] Legislative Department for
66 administrative purposes only.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	17b-420

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