



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1088**

LCO No. 3260

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SPRINKLERS IN NURSING HOMES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 29-315 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (f) (1) Not later than [July 1, 2005] January 1, 2007, each chronic and  
5 convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision  
6 licensed pursuant to chapter 368v shall have an automatic fire  
7 extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.  
8 Not later than July 1, 2004, the owner or authorized agent of each such  
9 home shall submit plans for the installation of such system, signed and  
10 sealed by a licensed professional engineer, to the local fire marshal and  
11 building official within whose jurisdiction such home is located or to  
12 the State Fire Marshal, as the case may be, and shall apply for a  
13 building permit for the installation of such system.

14 (2) The local fire marshal or State Fire Marshal may require  
15 installation of smoke detectors and warning equipment in each chronic  
16 and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision

17 licensed pursuant to chapter 368v.

18       Sec. 2. Section 29-251c of the general statutes is amended by adding  
 19 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

20       (NEW) (f) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of  
 21 Public Safety shall develop a program in fire safety training and  
 22 education for employees of chronic and convalescent nursing homes or  
 23 rest homes with nursing supervision licensed pursuant to chapter  
 24 368v. The commissioner shall make such program available to  
 25 administrators of such homes.

26       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Connecticut Housing  
 27 Finance Authority shall develop a program of grants to owners of  
 28 chronic and convalescent nursing homes or rest homes with nursing  
 29 supervision licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes  
 30 for the costs incurred in installing fire sprinkler systems in such homes.  
 31 Grant funds may be used for reimbursement of associated construction  
 32 activities, including, but not limited to, asbestos abatement.

33       (b) The authority shall adopt written procedures in accordance with  
 34 section 1-121 of the general statutes establishing procedures for the  
 35 application and distribution of loans under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	29-315(f)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-251c
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To assure the safety of nursing home residents by (1) extending the deadline for installation of fire sprinkler systems, (2) authorizing local or state fire marshals to require smoke detectors in nursing homes, (3) having the Commissioner of Public Safety develop a program of fire safety training for employees of nursing homes, and (4) authorizing a

program of grants to nursing homes for installation of fire sprinkler systems.

*[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.]*