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Raised Bill No. 1216

LCO No. 4158

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SERVE AS CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE OR CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 45a-651 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (a) (1) If no suitable conservator can be found after due diligence
5 and the court finds that the health or welfare of the respondent is in
6 jeopardy, the Commissioner of Social Services shall accept
7 appointment within available appropriations, as conservator of the
8 estate of any respondent sixty years of age or older found incapable
9 under sections 45a-644 to 45a-662, inclusive, of managing his or her
10 affairs, whose liquid assets, excluding burial insurance in an amount
11 up to one thousand five hundred dollars, do not exceed one thousand
12 five hundred dollars at the time of such appointment or at any time
13 thereafter. (2) If no suitable conservator can be found after due
14 diligence and the court finds that the health or welfare of the

15 respondent is in jeopardy, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
16 accept appointment, within available appropriations, as conservator of
17 the person, of any respondent sixty years of age or older found
18 incapable under said sections of caring for himself or herself, whose
19 liquid assets, excluding burial insurance in an amount up to one
20 thousand five hundred dollars, do not exceed one thousand five
21 hundred dollars at the time of such appointment or at any time
22 thereafter. If subsequent to being appointed as the conservator of the
23 estate or conservator of the person, the respondent for whom the
24 commissioner has been appointed conservator, has assets which
25 exceed the limits prescribed by this subsection, the court shall permit
26 the commissioner to resign as the conservator for such respondent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	45a-651(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the Commissioner of Social Services to resign as conservator of the person or conservator of the estate of a respondent, who subsequent to the commissioner's appointment as conservator, has assets which exceed the limits prescribed by subsection (a) of section 45a-651.

[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.]