



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 54

LCO No. 100

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
SEN. CRISCO, 17th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO HOME-BASED
LONG-TERM CARE.**

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

- 1 That chapter 319y of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require
- 2 the Commissioner of Social Services to seek a waiver of federal law to
- 3 include as a covered service under the Medicaid program, personal
- 4 care assistance services provided by the spouse of an elderly person to
- 5 his or her spouse; and (2) permit spouses to serve as personal care
- 6 assistants under the state-funded pilot program that provides personal
- 7 care assistance services to persons who are sixty-five years of age or
- 8 older.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a greater number of elderly persons to remain in their homes thereby reducing the long-term care institutional costs incurred by the state.