



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 379**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING FACILITY RELOCATION.***

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

1 That subsection (a) of section 17b-354 of the general statutes be  
2 amended to authorize the Department of Social Services to approve the  
3 relocation of an existing Medicaid certified nursing facility located in a  
4 municipality to a location within that municipality, or to a  
5 municipality located within a fifteen-mile radius of such nursing  
6 facility, provided: (1) Relocation to new sites results in a reduction in  
7 the number of nursing facility beds currently licensed by the  
8 Department of Public Health, (2) relocation does not materially  
9 adversely affect bed need in the municipality, as determined pursuant  
10 to section 17b-355 of the general statutes, as the facility (A) may  
11 transfer some of the existing Medicaid certified beds to another facility  
12 within that municipality or to another facility within a fifteen-mile  
13 radius, pursuant to section 17b-354 of the general statutes, or (B) the  
14 facility will otherwise address the need for nursing home services  
15 within the municipality, and (3) the relocated nursing facility will  
16 either (A) become part of a continuing care retirement facility that is

17 owned by or affiliated with the facility at the new location, or (B) in  
18 addition to, or in lieu of, the development of a continuing care  
19 retirement community at one location, the relocated facility may also  
20 develop, at that location or at other locations, independent living and  
21 community-based health care services intended to avoid or delay the  
22 placement of the elderly in nursing facilities, consistent with the  
23 Connecticut State Plan on Aging.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To permit relocation of a Medicaid certified nursing facility so as to improve quality and access to care for nursing home patients.