



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 657**

LCO No. 2934

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
SEN. HANDLEY, 4th Dist.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM.***

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

1       That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to require that the  
2       Commissioner of Public Health shall develop strategies and initiatives  
3       to (1) promote and support research designed to develop, implement  
4       and evaluate the most effective approaches to reducing and treating  
5       falls among high-risk older adults; (2) educate health care  
6       professionals and health care providers about fall prevention,  
7       evaluation and management; (3) oversee and support demonstration  
8       projects designed to prevent falls among older adults and prevent or  
9       reduce injuries associated with such falls; and (4) examine and report  
10      to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
11      cognizance of matters relating to public health on the effect of falls on  
12      health care costs, the potential for reducing falls and the most effective  
13      strategies for reducing health care costs associated with falls.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reduce the costs of health care associated with falls, especially among older adults.