



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1273

LCO No. 4439

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR
CARETAKERS OF PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-349e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (c) (1) No individual with Alzheimer's disease may participate in the
5 program if such individual (A) has an annual income of more than
6 thirty thousand dollars or liquid assets of more than eighty thousand
7 dollars, or (B) is covered by Medicaid.

8 (2) No individual with Alzheimer's disease who participates in the
9 program may receive more than [three] seven thousand five hundred
10 dollars for services under the program in any fiscal year or receive
11 more than thirty days of out-of-home respite care services other than
12 adult day care services under the program in any fiscal year.

13 (3) The commissioner may require an individual with Alzheimer's
14 disease who participates in the program to pay a copayment for respite

15 care services under the program, except the commissioner may waive
16 such copayment upon demonstration of financial hardship by such
17 individual.

18 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five million dollars is
19 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
20 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of
21 increasing the level of respite care services available to caretakers of
22 individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | 17b-349e(c) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the availability of services under the demonstration program that provides respite care services to caretakers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

[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.]