



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES March 4, 2008

Wendy Furniss, Branch Chief, Health Care Systems Branch 509-7406

Senate Bill 559 - An Act Concerning a Pilot Program for Small House Nursing Homes

The Department of Public Health provides the following information with regard to Senate Bill 559

As written, this bill mandates that the small house nursing home be in compliance with all federal and state requirements, which govern nursing homes. The state would be able to waive certain requirements of the Public Health Code; however, the Department has no waiver authority with regards to the federal Medicare/Medicaid requirements.

Since the small house nursing homes would be situated in private homes the Department has concerns these facilities would not meet the physical plant and fire safety requirements as specified under the federal regulations. Since these are federal regulations, the Department would be unable to waive the requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

Phone:



Telephone Device for the Deaf: (860) 509-7191

410 Capitol Avenue - MS # _____

P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134

Affirmative Action / An Equal Opportunity Employer