



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2819

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS IN NURSING HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services shall establish minimal reasonable
3 standards for the care and treatment of persons who are mentally ill
4 who reside in nursing facilities, as defined in section 17b-357 of the
5 general statutes. Such standards shall be established on or before July
6 1, 2009, and shall address: Personnel qualifications and training
7 requirements, the types and frequency of assessments and
8 reassessments of persons who are mentally ill, medication
9 administration protocols, psychiatric rehabilitation services, crises
10 services and personal care assistance. A nursing facility that admits
11 persons who are mentally ill shall annually report to the Department
12 of Public Health that such facility satisfies the minimal reasonable
13 standards for the care and treatment of such persons as established by
14 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. For
15 purposes of this section, "mentally ill" has the same meaning as
16 provided in section 42 USC 1396r (e)(7)(G)(i).

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To improve the quality of care provided to mentally ill persons in nursing facilities by requiring the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish minimal reasonable standards concerning the care and treatment of such persons.

[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.]