



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 156**

LCO No. 606

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME REPORT CARD.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of Public  
2 Health shall develop a nursing home report card for consumers to  
3 compare the quality of all nursing home facilities, as defined in section  
4 19a-521 of the general statutes, in the state. The department shall make  
5 the information in the report card available on the Internet and shall  
6 maintain a toll-free telephone number to provide the same information  
7 to consumers who do not have access to the Internet. The nursing  
8 home report card shall allow consumers the choice to search for  
9 information on any nursing home facility in the state by name, or by  
10 area of the state by zip code.

11 (b) The nursing home report card shall score each nursing home  
12 facility in the state from one, the lowest, to five, the highest, based  
13 upon the following quality measures: (1) Resident quality-of-life  
14 ratings, which shall be based on interviews of nursing home residents;  
15 (2) quality indicators, which shall be based on the federally mandated  
16 minimum data set assessments required for every resident of a  
17 Medicare or Medicaid-certified nursing home facility; (3) hours of

18 direct care; (4) staff retention; (5) temporary staffing agency use; (6)  
19 proportion of single rooms; and (7) state inspection results. The  
20 nursing home report card shall be designed to permit consumers to  
21 choose three of such quality measures that are the most important to  
22 them and provide rankings of the facilities based on such measures  
23 within the chosen area of the state and to allow the consumer to see  
24 information on all the quality measures or information about a  
25 particular nursing home facility.

26 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall conduct an advertising  
27 campaign to raise public awareness of the creation of the nursing home  
28 report card and to provide consumers with the Internet web address  
29 and the toll-free telephone number.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To develop an online nursing home report card to allow consumers to compare the quality of nursing home facilities in the state.

*[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.]*