



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 474

LCO No. 2125

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008, and applicable to income years*
2 *commencing on or after January 1, 2008*) There is established a separate,
3 nonlapsing account within the General Fund to make payments for
4 health care for Connecticut residents. The Commissioner of Revenue
5 Services shall deposit into such account one-half of one per cent of the
6 state income tax collected for income years commencing on or after
7 January 1, 2008.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established a
9 committee to advise the Commissioner of Public Health on the
10 establishment and administration of a program to provide health care
11 services to uninsured residents of the state, except that residents
12 participating in, or eligible to participate in, Medicare or the HUSKY
13 plan, shall be ineligible for said program. Said committee shall meet at
14 least quarterly and shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The Commissioner of Public Health and the Insurance
16 Commissioner, or their appointed designees;

17 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to public health;

20 (3) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
21 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to insurance;

23 (4) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

24 (5) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

25 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (7) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

28 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives;

30 (9) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

31 (b) There shall be at least one member of the committee who
32 represents each of the following groups: Health care provider, insurer
33 and the general public.

34 (c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the
36 committee from among the members of the committee.

37 (d) All appointments shall be made not later than thirty days after
38 the effective date of this section, and any vacancy shall be filled by the
39 appointing authority not later than thirty days after such vacancy. If an
40 appointing authority fails to make an appointment within any such
41 thirty-day period, the chairpersons of the committee shall make such
42 appointment.

43 (e) Not later than January 1, 2009, the committee shall report its

44 findings and recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of
45 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
47 health, with respect to the establishment and administration of the
48 program to provide health care services to uninsured residents of the
49 state established in subsection (a) of this section.

50 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of Public
51 Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the
52 general statutes, to establish procedures and administer the operations
53 of the program established in subsection (a) of section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To set aside one-half of one per cent of the state income tax collected to establish a fund to provide health care to uninsured residents of 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.]