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**Raised Bill No. 559**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOMES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) As used in this section  
2 "small house nursing home" means an alternative nursing home  
3 facility that is designed and modeled as a private home, houses no  
4 more than ten individuals, includes private rooms and baths, provides  
5 for an increased role for support staff in the care of residents,  
6 incorporates a philosophy of individualized care and is licensed as a  
7 nursing home under chapter 368v of the general statutes.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a pilot  
9 program to provide up to ten grants in the amount of \_\_\_\_ each to  
10 support the development of small house nursing homes in the state in  
11 order to improve the quality of life for nursing home residents and to  
12 support a goal of providing nursing home care in a more home-like  
13 and less institution-like setting.

14 (c) Not later than October 1, 2008, the commissioner shall establish  
15 criteria for the awarding of grants in accordance with this section and

16 develop guidelines relating to the design specifications and  
17 requirements of small house nursing homes for purposes of the pilot  
18 program and shall make such criteria and guidelines available to  
19 applicants along with an application and instructions for applying for  
20 such grants. Any entity that provides long-term care services may  
21 apply for a grant. The commissioner shall require applicants to  
22 provide: (1) A description of the proposed project; (2) information  
23 concerning the financial and technical capacity of the applicant to  
24 undertake the proposed project; (3) a project budget; and (4) any  
25 additional information the commissioner deems necessary.

26 (d) Grantees shall be selected by the commissioner, in consultation  
27 with the Long-Term Care Planning Committee established pursuant to  
28 section 17b-337 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. Priority  
29 for such grants shall be given to proposals to convert an existing  
30 nursing home facility to a small house nursing home and proposals  
31 that include the use of fuel cells or other renewable energy  
32 technologies that promote energy efficiency in such home. The  
33 commissioner shall require, as a condition of receipt of an award, that  
34 a small house nursing home seek certification to participate in the Title  
35 XVIII and Title XIX programs.

36 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 17b-352 to 17b-354,  
37 inclusive, of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, a small house  
38 nursing home developed under this section need not comply with the  
39 provisions of said sections 17b-352 to 17b-354, inclusive.

40 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the purposes described in  
41 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
42 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
43 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
44 the aggregate \_\_\_\_ dollars.

45 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
46 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
47 Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing grants-in-

48 aid for the development of ten small house nursing homes in the state.

49 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
50 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
51 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
52 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
53 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
54 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
55 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
56 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
57 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
58 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
59 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
60 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
61 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
62 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
63 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
64 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
65 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
66 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
67 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
68 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
69 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
70 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
71 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
72 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program to provide grants-in-aid for the development of small house nursing homes 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.]*