



General Assembly

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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 bathrooms,
5 provides 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 ____ dollars each
10 to support the development of small house nursing homes in the state
11 in order to improve the quality of life for nursing home residents and
12 to 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. The commissioner shall make such criteria and guidelines
19 available to applicants along with an application and instructions for
20 applying for such grants. Any entity that provides long-term care
21 services may apply for a grant. The commissioner shall require
22 applicants to provide: (1) A description of the proposed project; (2)
23 information concerning the financial and technical capacity of the
24 applicant to undertake the proposed project; (3) a project budget; and
25 (4) any 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 energy technologies that
32 promote energy efficiency in such home. In determining the award of a
33 grant, the commissioner shall consider the proposed project's location
34 in relation to other nursing home facilities within the area to be served,
35 the need for services at nursing home facilities in general and the need
36 for the proposed project in particular within the area to be served and
37 any other factors the commissioner deems relevant. The commissioner
38 shall require, as a condition of receipt of an award, that a small house
39 nursing home seek certification to participate in the Title XVIII and
40 Title XIX programs.

41 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 17b-352 to 17b-354,
42 inclusive, of the general statutes or the 2008 supplement to the general
43 statutes, a small house nursing home developed under this section
44 need not comply with the provisions of said sections 17b-352 to 17b-
45 354, inclusive.

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the purposes described in
47 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
48 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
49 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
50 the aggregate ____ dollars.

51 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
52 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
53 Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing grants-in-
54 aid for the development of ten small house nursing homes in the state.

55 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
56 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
57 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
58 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
59 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
60 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
61 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
62 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
63 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
64 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
65 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
66 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
67 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
68 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
69 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
70 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
71 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
72 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
73 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
74 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
75 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
76 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
77 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
78 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

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