



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 559

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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, within
9 available appropriations, a pilot program to support the development
10 of up to ten small house nursing homes in the state in order to improve
11 the quality of life for nursing home residents and to support a goal of
12 providing nursing home care in a more home-like and less institution-
13 like setting.

14 (c) Any entity that provides long-term care services may apply to
15 the commissioner for approval of a proposal to develop a small house
16 nursing home. Not later than October 1, 2008, the commissioner shall
17 develop guidelines relating to the design specifications and
18 requirements for small house nursing homes for purposes of the pilot

19 program. The commissioner shall require each small house nursing
20 home under the pilot program to seek certification to participate in the
21 Title XVIII and Title XIX programs and may establish additional
22 criteria for such small house nursing homes. The commissioner shall
23 make such guidelines and criteria available to applicants. Each entity
24 submitting a proposal shall provide: (1) A description of the proposed
25 project; (2) information concerning the financial and technical capacity
26 of the applicant to undertake the proposed project; (3) a project budget;
27 and (4) any additional information the commissioner deems necessary.

28 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with the Long-Term Care
29 Planning Committee established pursuant to section 17b-337 of the
30 2008 supplement to the general statutes, shall evaluate proposals
31 received pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and approve up to
32 ten proposals. The commissioner shall give preference to proposals to
33 convert an existing nursing home facility to a small house nursing
34 home and proposals that include the use of fuel cells or other energy
35 technologies that promote energy efficiency in such home. In
36 evaluating proposals, the commissioner shall consider the proposed
37 project's location in relation to other nursing home facilities within the
38 area to be served, the need for services at nursing home facilities in
39 general and the need for the proposed project in particular within the
40 area to be served and any other factors the commissioner deems
41 relevant.

42 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 17b-352 to 17b-354,
43 inclusive, of the general statutes or the 2008 supplement to the general
44 statutes, a small house nursing home developed under this section
45 need not comply with the provisions of said sections 17b-352 to 17b-
46 354, inclusive.

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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