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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 559

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

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1       Strike lines 2 to 7, inclusive, and insert ""small house nursing home"  
2       means an alternative nursing home facility that (1) consists of one or  
3       more units that are designed and modeled as a private home, (2)  
4       houses no more than ten individuals in each unit, (3) includes private  
5       rooms and bathrooms, (4) provides for an increased role for support  
6       staff in the care of residents, (5) incorporates a philosophy of  
7       individualized care, and (6) is licensed as a nursing home under

8 chapter 368v of the general statutes." in lieu thereof

9 In line 14, strike "entity that provides long-term care services" and  
10 insert "chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with  
11 nursing supervision" in lieu thereof

12 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
13 internal references accordingly:

14 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 17b-354 of the 2008 supplement to  
15 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
16 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

17 (a) Except for applications deemed complete as of August 9, 1991,  
18 the Department of Social Services shall not accept or approve any  
19 requests for additional nursing home beds or modify the capital cost of  
20 any prior approval for the period from September 4, 1991, through  
21 June 30, 2012, except (1) beds restricted to use by patients with  
22 acquired immune deficiency syndrome or traumatic brain injury; (2)  
23 beds associated with a continuing care facility which guarantees life  
24 care for its residents; (3) Medicaid certified beds to be relocated from  
25 one licensed nursing facility to another licensed nursing facility,  
26 provided (A) the availability of beds in an area of need will not be  
27 adversely affected; (B) no such relocation shall result in an increase in  
28 state expenditures; and (C) the relocation results in a reduction in the  
29 number of nursing facility beds in the state; (4) a request for no more  
30 than twenty beds submitted by a licensed nursing facility that  
31 participates in neither the Medicaid program nor the Medicare  
32 program, admits residents and provides health care to such residents  
33 without regard to their income or assets and demonstrates its financial  
34 ability to provide lifetime nursing home services to such residents  
35 without participating in the Medicaid program to the satisfaction of  
36 the department, provided the department does not accept or approve  
37 more than one request pursuant to this subdivision; [and] (5) a request  
38 for no more than twenty beds associated with a free standing facility  
39 dedicated to providing hospice care services for terminally ill persons

40 operated by an organization previously authorized by the Department  
41 of Public Health to provide hospice services in accordance with section  
42 19a-122b of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes; and (6) new or  
43 existing Medicaid certified beds to be relocated from a licensed  
44 nursing facility in a municipality with a 2004 estimated population of  
45 one hundred twenty-five thousand to a location within the same  
46 municipality provided such Medicaid certified beds do not exceed  
47 sixty beds. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any  
48 provision of the general statutes or any decision of the Office of Health  
49 Care Access, (i) the date by which construction shall begin for each  
50 nursing home certificate of need in effect August 1, 1991, shall be  
51 December 31, 1992, (ii) the date by which a nursing home shall be  
52 licensed under each such certificate of need shall be October 1, 1995,  
53 and (iii) the imposition of such dates shall not require action by the  
54 Commissioner of Social Services. Except as provided in subsection (c)  
55 of this section, a nursing home certificate of need in effect August 1,  
56 1991, shall expire if construction has not begun or licensure has not  
57 been obtained in compliance with the dates set forth in subparagraphs  
58 (i) and (ii) of this subsection."