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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 15,
2 2009, the Secretary of the State shall adopt regulations, in accordance
3 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, that provide
4 for the automatic mailing of an absentee ballot prior to an election to
5 any person who is permanently unable to go to the polls on election
6 day because of illness or disability. Such regulations shall: (1) Require
7 any such person to file an initial application for an absentee ballot
8 along with a certification from a physician indicating that such person
9 is permanently unable to go to the polls; (2) specify the form and
10 content of any such certification; (3) establish a schedule for the
11 mailing of such absentee ballots; and (4) create procedures for the
12 protection of the medical privacy of any such applicant. For the
13 purposes of this section, "person who is permanently unable to go to
14 the polls on election day because of illness or disability" means a
15 person who, by reason of infirmity or disability, is permanently
16 physically incapacitated to a degree that prevents, and will continue to

17 prevent, him or her from appearing in person at the polls of the town
18 where he or she resides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a system for the automatic mailing of absentee ballots to persons who are permanently disabled and unable to go to the polling place on election day.

[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.]