



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5351**

LCO No. 1495

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR VETERANS IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) No nursing home facility,  
2 as defined in section 19a-521 of the general statutes, shall restrict any  
3 patient from obtaining prescription drugs through a prescription drug  
4 program or health plan offered by the United States Department of  
5 Veterans Affairs. If a nursing home facility patient obtains prescription  
6 drugs through a prescription drug program or health plan offered by  
7 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the nursing home  
8 facility may require such prescription drugs to be dispensed and  
9 administered according to the facility's policies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2010	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit nursing home facilities from restricting patients from accessing prescription drug benefits offered through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

*[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.]*