



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5242

LCO No. 1061

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Public Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
3 Services, may contract with licensed dental professionals or a state-
4 wide entity which represents dental professionals to establish and
5 operate a program for the delivery of charitable dental services to low-
6 income families. Such contract may include provisions that (1)
7 establish a network of volunteer dentists, dental specialists, dental
8 laboratories and other dental professionals to donate dental services to
9 eligible persons; (2) establish a system to refer eligible persons to
10 volunteer dental professionals; (3) develop and implement a public
11 awareness program to inform eligible persons about the program; and
12 (4) provide administrative and technical support for the program.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Public
14 Health shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
15 section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing committees of
16 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public

17 health and human services concerning the program. Such report shall
18 include, but not be limited to, an accounting for all program funds, a
19 description of the services provided through the program, the number
20 of persons served by the program, and the number of volunteers who
21 provided dental services as part of the program.

22 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) The sum of eighty-five thousand dollars
23 is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the General
24 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, for the charitable dental
25 services program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program to provide charitable dental services to low-income persons.

[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.]