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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT ADJUSTING NURSING HOME RATES FOR PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of subsection (f) of section 17b-340 of the
2 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, (A) no facility shall
5 receive a rate that is less than the rate it received for the rate year
6 ending June 30, 1991; (B) no facility whose rate, if determined pursuant
7 to this subsection, would exceed one hundred twenty per cent of the
8 state-wide median rate, as determined pursuant to this subsection,
9 shall receive a rate which is five and one-half per cent more than the
10 rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1991; and (C) no
11 facility whose rate, if determined pursuant to this subsection, would be
12 less than one hundred twenty per cent of the state-wide median rate,
13 as determined pursuant to this subsection, shall receive a rate which is
14 six and one-half per cent more than the rate it received for the rate year
15 ending June 30, 1991. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, no
16 facility shall receive a rate that is less than the rate it received for the

17 rate year ending June 30, 1992, or six per cent more than the rate it
18 received for the rate year ending June 30, 1992. For the fiscal year
19 ending June 30, 1994, no facility shall receive a rate that is less than the
20 rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1993, or six per cent
21 more than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1993.
22 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, no facility shall receive a rate
23 that is more than five per cent less than the rate it received for the rate
24 year ending June 30, 1994, or six per cent more than the rate it received
25 for the rate year ending June 30, 1994. For the fiscal years ending June
26 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, no facility shall receive a rate that is more
27 than three per cent more than the rate it received for the prior rate
28 year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, a facility shall receive a
29 rate increase that is not more than two per cent more than the rate that
30 the facility received in the prior year. For the fiscal year ending June
31 30, 1999, a facility shall receive a rate increase that is not more than
32 three per cent more than the rate that the facility received in the prior
33 year and that is not less than one per cent more than the rate that the
34 facility received in the prior year, exclusive of rate increases associated
35 with a wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment added
36 for the period from April 1, 1999, to June 30, 1999, inclusive. For the
37 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, each facility, except a facility with an
38 interim rate or replaced interim rate for the fiscal year ending June 30,
39 1999, and a facility having a certificate of need or other agreement
40 specifying rate adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000,
41 shall receive a rate increase equal to one per cent applied to the rate the
42 facility received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, exclusive of
43 the facility's wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment.
44 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, no facility with an interim rate,
45 replaced interim rate or scheduled rate adjustment specified in a
46 certificate of need or other agreement for the fiscal year ending June
47 30, 2000, shall receive a rate increase that is more than one per cent
48 more than the rate the facility received in the fiscal year ending June
49 30, 1999. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, each facility, except a
50 facility with an interim rate or replaced interim rate for the fiscal year

51 ending June 30, 2000, and a facility having a certificate of need or other
52 agreement specifying rate adjustments for the fiscal year ending June
53 30, 2001, shall receive a rate increase equal to two per cent applied to
54 the rate the facility received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000,
55 subject to verification of wage enhancement adjustments pursuant to
56 subdivision (14) of this subsection. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
57 2001, no facility with an interim rate, replaced interim rate or
58 scheduled rate adjustment specified in a certificate of need or other
59 agreement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall receive a rate
60 increase that is more than two per cent more than the rate the facility
61 received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. For the fiscal year
62 ending June 30, 2002, each facility shall receive a rate that is two and
63 one-half per cent more than the rate the facility received in the prior
64 fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each facility shall
65 receive a rate that is two per cent more than the rate the facility
66 received in the prior fiscal year, except that such increase shall be
67 effective January 1, 2003, and such facility rate in effect for the fiscal
68 year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for services provided until
69 December 31, 2002, except any facility that would have been issued a
70 lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal year ending June 30,
71 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall
72 be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and have such rate
73 increased two per cent effective June 1, 2003. For the fiscal year ending
74 June 30, 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2003, shall
75 remain in effect, except any facility that would have been issued a
76 lower rate effective July 1, 2003, than for the fiscal year ending June 30,
77 2003, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall
78 be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2003. For the fiscal year
79 ending June 30, 2005, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2004,
80 shall remain in effect until December 31, 2004, except any facility that
81 would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2004, than for the
82 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, due to interim rate status or
83 agreement with the department shall be issued such lower rate
84 effective July 1, 2004. Effective January 1, 2005, each facility shall

85 receive a rate that is one per cent greater than the rate in effect
86 December 31, 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal
87 approvals to secure federal financial participation matching funds
88 associated with the rate increase provided in this subdivision, but in
89 no event earlier than July 1, 2005, and provided the user fee imposed
90 under section 17b-320 is required to be collected, for the fiscal year
91 ending June 30, 2006, the department shall compute the rate for each
92 facility based upon its 2003 cost report filing or a subsequent cost year
93 filing for facilities having an interim rate for the period ending June 30,
94 2005, as provided under section 17-311-55 of the regulations of
95 Connecticut state agencies. For each facility not having an interim rate
96 for the period ending June 30, 2005, the rate for the period ending June
97 30, 2006, shall be determined beginning with the higher of the
98 computed rate based upon its 2003 cost report filing or the rate in
99 effect for the period ending June 30, 2005. Such rate shall then be
100 increased by eleven dollars and eighty cents per day except that in no
101 event shall the rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, be thirty-two
102 dollars more than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005,
103 and for any facility with a rate below one hundred ninety-five dollars
104 per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the period
105 ending June 30, 2006, shall not be greater than two hundred seventeen
106 dollars and forty-three cents per day and for any facility with a rate
107 equal to or greater than one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for
108 the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the period ending June
109 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June
110 30, 2005, increased by eleven and one-half per cent. For each facility
111 with an interim rate for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim
112 replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not exceed
113 the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, increased by
114 eleven dollars and eighty cents per day plus the per day cost of the
115 user fee payments made pursuant to section 17b-320 divided by
116 annual resident service days, except for any facility with an interim
117 rate below one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for the period
118 ending June 30, 2005, the interim replacement rate for the period

119 ending June 30, 2006, shall not be greater than two hundred seventeen
120 dollars and forty-three cents per day and for any facility with an
121 interim rate equal to or greater than one hundred ninety-five dollars
122 per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim replacement
123 rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in
124 effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, increased by eleven and one-
125 half per cent. Such July 1, 2005, rate adjustments shall remain in effect
126 unless (i) the federal financial participation matching funds associated
127 with the rate increase are no longer available; or (ii) the user fee
128 created pursuant to section 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year
129 ending June 30, 2007, each facility shall receive a rate that is three per
130 cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2006,
131 except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective
132 July 1, 2006, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2006, due to
133 interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued
134 such lower rate effective July 1, 2006. For the fiscal year ending June
135 30, 2008, each facility shall receive a rate that is two and nine-tenths
136 per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30,
137 2007, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate
138 effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2007, due
139 to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be
140 issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the fiscal year ending
141 June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2008, shall
142 remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except any facility that would have
143 been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, due to
144 interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued
145 such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30,
146 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in
147 effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have been
148 issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the fiscal
149 year ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement with
150 the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years
151 ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, rates in effect for the period
152 ending June 30, 2011, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2013, except

153 any facility that would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year
154 ending June 30, 2012, or the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, due to
155 interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued
156 such lower rate. The Commissioner of Social Services shall add fair
157 rent increases to any other rate increases established pursuant to this
158 subdivision for a facility which has undergone a material change in
159 circumstances related to fair rent, except for the fiscal [years ending
160 June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, such fair
161 rent increases shall only be provided to facilities with an approved
162 certificate of need pursuant to section 17b-352, 17b-353, 17b-354 or 17b-
163 355.] year ending June 30, 2013, the commissioner shall add fair rent
164 and moveable equipment depreciation allowances associated with
165 items placed in service in cost report years 2008 through 2011 not
166 otherwise included in rates issued for rate periods between July 1,
167 2009, and June 30, 2012. Such fair rent and moveable equipment
168 allowances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, shall be added to
169 the rate otherwise effective for the period without regard to
170 adjustments to a facility's allowable fair rent or moveable equipment
171 depreciation associated with items placed in service in cost report
172 periods prior to 2008 based upon full amortization of an asset or
173 adjustments to the annual rate of return made pursuant to subsection
174 (f) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.
175 Interim rates may take into account reasonable costs incurred by a
176 facility, including wages and benefits. Notwithstanding the provisions
177 of this section, the Commissioner of Social Services may, within
178 available appropriations, increase rates issued to licensed chronic and
179 convalescent nursing homes and licensed rest homes with nursing
180 supervision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2012	17b-340(f)(4)

Statement of Purpose:

To adjust Medicaid rates for nursing facilities that made physical plant improvements or replaced furniture and equipment between 2008 and 2011.

[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.]