



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5322

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRESSURE REDISTRIBUTION MATTRESSES
AND PATIENT CARE IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-521b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) In each licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, chronic
4 disease hospital associated with a chronic and convalescent nursing
5 home, rest home with nursing supervision and residential care home,
6 at least a three-foot clearance shall be provided at the sides and the
7 foot of each bed.

8 (b) On and after January 1, 2013, whenever a licensed chronic and
9 convalescent nursing home, chronic disease hospital associated with a
10 chronic and convalescent nursing home, rest home with nursing
11 supervision or residential care home replaces a mattress, the
12 replacement mattress shall be a pressure-redistribution mattress that is
13 designed to help prevent pressure ulcers. Not later than October 1,
14 2015, each such facility shall replace all mattresses used in the facility
15 with pressure-redistribution mattresses.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2012	19a-521b
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Statement of Purpose:

To require nursing homes to use pressure redistribution mattresses to help prevent residents from getting pressure ulcers.

[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.]