



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5322

February Session, 2012

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**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 Section 19a-521b of the general statutes is repealed and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 or rest home with nursing
11 supervision replaces a mattress, the replacement mattress shall be a
12 pressure-redistribution mattress that is designed to help prevent
13 pressure ulcers. Not later than October 1, 2015, each such facility shall
14 replace all mattresses used in the facility with pressure-redistribution
15 mattresses.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	19a-521b
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*