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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING AIR CONDITIONING IN NURSING HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-522a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On and after July 1, 2013, each chronic and convalescent nursing
4 home and rest home with nursing supervision shall have an air
5 conditioning system in all resident rooms. Not later than January 1,
6 2013, each chronic and convalescent nursing home and rest home with
7 nursing supervision shall submit a report to the department stating its
8 compliance with this subsection or its plan to comply with the
9 requirements of this subsection.

10 (b) A chronic and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with
11 nursing supervision may maintain temperatures in resident rooms and
12 other areas used by residents at such facilities at levels that are lower
13 than minimum temperature standards prescribed in the Public Health
14 Code provided temperature levels at such facilities comply with the
15 comfortable and safe temperature standards prescribed under federal
16 law pursuant to 42 CFR 483.15(h)(6). In accordance with section 19a-36,

17 the Commissioner of Public Health shall amend the Public Health
18 Code in conformity with the provisions of this section.

19 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to residential care
20 homes, as defined in section 19a-490.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Health and
22 Educational Facilities Authority shall develop a loan program for the
23 purpose of providing financial assistance to owners of chronic and
24 convalescent nursing homes or rest homes with nursing supervision
25 licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes for costs
26 incurred in installing air conditioning systems required by subsection
27 (a) of section 19a-522a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

28 (b) There is established, within the Connecticut Health and
29 Educational Facilities Authority, a revolving loan account for the
30 purpose of the loan program authorized by this section. The revolving
31 loan account shall contain any moneys provided or required by law to
32 be deposited in the account. The authority may accept contributions
33 from any source, public or private, for deposit in the account for
34 purposes of the loan program.

35 (c) Loans made pursuant to this section shall have such terms and
36 conditions, and shall be subject to such eligibility, loan approval, credit
37 and other underwriting requirements and criteria as are determined by
38 the authority to be reasonable in light of the objectives of the loan
39 program.

40 (d) On or before January 1, 2013, and biannually thereafter so long
41 as the loan program remains active, the authority shall submit to the
42 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
43 of matters relating to aging, human services and public health a report,
44 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, setting forth
45 the following information: (1) A list of the loans made under the
46 program and a general description of the terms and conditions of such
47 loans and the repayment history; (2) an assessment of the impact of

48 such loans on compliance with the requirements of section 19a-522a of
49 the general statutes, as amended by this act; (3) the need for additional
50 funding for the loan program authorized by this section; and (4) such
51 other information as the authority deems relevant to evaluating the
52 success of the loan program in meeting its objectives.

53 (e) In connection with the making and administration of loans
54 pursuant to this section, the authority shall have and may exercise
55 such powers as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes
56 of this section, including the same powers expressly granted to the
57 authority in section 10a-180 of the general statutes with respect to
58 other loans.

59 (f) No loan may be made pursuant to this section after June 30, 2013,
60 and any moneys then remaining in, or thereafter received to the credit
61 of, the account established in subsection (b) of this section may be
62 withdrawn by the authority from such account and used for other
63 purposes of the authority, subject to specific restrictions governing any
64 contribution to such account pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

65 (g) The authority shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with
66 section 1-121 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this
67 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-522a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require nursing homes to have air conditioning in each resident's room by July 1, 2013.

[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.]