



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 283**

LCO No. 1649

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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF BENEFITS RECEIVED  
UNDER THE VETERANS' AID AND ATTENDANCE IMPROVED  
PENSION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-41a of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 (NEW) (f) The Connecticut energy assistance program annual plan  
4 shall include guidelines that exempt aid and attendance benefits  
5 provided by the Veterans' Administration from the determination of  
6 income eligibility for energy assistance under said program.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Social  
8 Services may seek approval of an amendment to the state Medicaid  
9 plan or a waiver from federal law, whichever is sufficient and most  
10 expeditious, to establish and implement the exemption of aid and  
11 attendance benefits provided by the Veterans' Administration from the  
12 determination of income eligibility for the state supplement program  
13 and the medical assistance program.

14 (b) On or before January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the

15 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report to the joint  
16 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
17 matters relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section  
18 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of any amendment to the  
19 state Medicaid plan or waiver from federal law pursuant to subsection  
20 (a) of this section and on the establishment and implementation of the  
21 exemption authorized under subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	16a-41a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To exempt aid and attendance benefits from income eligibility determinations under the Connecticut energy assistance program and to allow the Department of Social Services to apply for a waiver to exempt the benefits from income eligibility for the state supplement and medical assistance programs.

*[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.]*