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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 519 - An Act Concerning Training Nursing Home Staff About Residents' Fear of Retaliation

The Department of Public Health opposes Senate Bill 519 as written, and provides the following information.

This bill will require monitoring for compliance with the proposed law during nursing home inspection activities, and the Department of Public Health is able and willing to ensure that the proposed training is being provided. However, the Department of Public Health respectfully requests making one change in Section 2. In the line "[in] accordance with section 19a-36, the Commissioner of Public Health shall amend the Public Health Code in conformity with the provisions of this section," the Department requests changing the "shall" on line 105 to "may." The new proposal language is clear, and there is no need for the department to promulgate regulations in conformity with the new language.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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