



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 770**

*January Session, 2013*

House Bill No. 6395

*House of Representatives, May 8, 2013*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-372 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "small house nursing home" means an  
4 alternative nursing home facility that (1) consists of one or more units  
5 that are designed and modeled as a private home, (2) houses no more  
6 than fourteen individuals in each unit, (3) includes private rooms and  
7 bathrooms, (4) provides for an increased role for support staff in the  
8 care of residents, (5) incorporates a philosophy of individualized care,  
9 and (6) is licensed as a nursing home under chapter 368v.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may [~~establish~~] expand,  
11 within available appropriations, a pilot program to support the  
12 development of [~~one~~] small house nursing [~~home~~] homes in the state,  
13 including at the Masonicare health facilities in Wallingford, in order to



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Department of Social Services	GF - Cost

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill would allow, within available appropriations, a pilot small house nursing home program to be established at Masonicare Health Facility in Wallingford. This pilot could be up to 380 beds. Such a facility would receive Medicaid payments for eligible residents. Included in any such payments is a fair rent adjustment to account for Medicaid's share of allowable construction related costs for the new project. Masonicare currently has a 382 bed standard nursing facility in Wallingford.

Based on costs for the recently approved 280 bed small house pilot in Fairfield, construction costs of such a 380 bed facility are estimated to be approximately \$147 million. This would increase the allowable fair rent payments to Masonicare by approximately \$9 million annually over what Medicaid pays at the current facility. Based on anticipated design and construction time, those costs are not expected to be incurred until 2018.

**The Out Years**

As identified above, costs are not expected to begin to be incurred until 2018.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6395**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/22/2013)