



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5568

LCO No. 3325



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TARGETED HEALTH AREAS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or after October 1, 2013,
2 the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Social Services and a representative designated by
4 the Connecticut State Medical Society, shall, within available
5 resources, designate as targeted health areas not more than ten
6 municipalities that have (1) a medically-underserved population, or (2)
7 a population with a high rate of chronic disease. Said commissioners
8 and representative shall identify any needed medical specialty in any
9 municipality designated as a targeted health area.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of the Small
11 Business Express program established pursuant to section 32-7g of the
12 general statutes, a small business eligible for assistance shall include
13 (1) a physician licensed in Connecticut who (A) is engaged in the active
14 practice of primary care for adults or children, or any needed medical
15 specialty identified pursuant to section 1 of this act, (B) practices in a
16 municipality designated as a targeted health area pursuant to section 1

17 of this act, and (C) is in good standing with the payment of all state
18 and local taxes and with the Department of Public Health; (2) a
19 physician office that, as of the effective date of this section (A) provides
20 primary care services to adults or children, or any needed medical
21 specialty identified pursuant to section 1 of this act, (B) is located in an
22 area designated as a targeted health area pursuant to section 1 of this
23 act, and (C) is in good standing with the payment of all state and local
24 taxes and with the Department of Public Health; or (3) any physician
25 located within a municipality designated as a targeted health area
26 pursuant to section 1 of this act who meets the criteria of subsection (a)
27 of section 32-7g of the general statutes.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Targeted Health Area program and provide economic incentives to licensed physicians and physician offices providing primary care services or needed medical specialties in such targeted health areas.

[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.]

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