



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5766**

LCO No. 1552

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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME COMPLIANCE WITH COMFORTABLE AND SAFE TEMPERATURE STANDARDS.**

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 Section 19a-522a of the general statutes is repealed and  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 October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) A chronic and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with  
4 nursing supervision may maintain temperatures in resident rooms and  
5 other areas used by residents at such facilities at levels that are lower  
6 than minimum temperature standards prescribed in the Public Health  
7 Code provided temperature levels at such facilities comply with the  
8 comfortable and safe temperature standards prescribed under federal  
9 law pursuant to 42 CFR 483.15(h)(6). In accordance with section 19a-36,  
10 the Commissioner of Public Health shall amend the Public Health  
11 Code in conformity with the provisions of this section.

12 (b) If, during an inspection of a chronic and convalescent nursing  
13 home or a rest home with nursing supervision pursuant to section 19a-  
14 493 or 19a-498 or the investigation of a complaint against any such

15 nursing home or rest home, the Commissioner of Public Health finds  
16 that such nursing home or rest home is unable to comply with the  
17 requirements of subsection (a) of this section due to an inadequate  
18 physical plant, the commissioner shall require the owner of such  
19 nursing home or rest home to sign a consent order providing  
20 assurances that repairs or improvements necessary for compliance  
21 with said subsection (a) shall be completed within a specified period of  
22 time. The commissioner may assess a civil penalty of not more than  
23 one thousand dollars for each day that such owner is in violation of  
24 such consent order.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	19a-522a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure temperatures at chronic and convalescent nursing homes and rest homes with nursing supervision are kept at comfortable and safe levels for residents.

*[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.]*