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Proposed Bill No. 115

LCO No. 767

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
RESIDENTIAL NURSING FACILITIES SERVING INMATES AND
MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS.**

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

1 That section 18-100i of the general statutes be repealed and chapters
2 319 and 325 be amended to prohibit the commissioners of Correction
3 and Mental Health and Addiction Services from releasing persons in
4 their care to any private residential nursing facility that has not been
5 the subject of a site approval process. The site approval process shall
6 include (1) input from residents of the community where the facility is
7 proposed to be located, (2) an independent analysis of the impact of
8 such facility on the public safety and quality of life of neighboring
9 residents, (3) regulations prohibiting the release of inmates or patients
10 to such facilities convicted of serious felonies, including, but not
11 limited to, murder and sexual assault, (4) consideration of alternate
12 sites, and (5) approval by the local governing body before such facility
13 opens.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the establishment of residential nursing facilities serving inmates and mental health patients without a site approval process requiring local input.