



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 936

LCO No. 3412



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING STREAMLINING APPROVAL FOR NURSING HOMES TO SHELTER DISPLACED RESIDENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) (1) For purposes of
2 this section, "nursing home facility" has the same meaning as provided
3 in section 19a-521 of the general statutes, and (2) "state of emergency"
4 means a declaration by the Governor pursuant to section 28-9 of the
5 general statutes.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall establish a streamlined
7 waiver approval process for nursing home facilities to provide care
8 and shelter to state residents displaced during a state of emergency.
9 Such process shall include, but not be limited to: (1) A waiver
10 provision allowing nursing home facilities to immediately take in
11 displaced residents, regardless of the nursing home facility's approved
12 bed capacity; and (2) reimbursement, within available federal and state
13 emergency response funds, of reasonable costs at a rate to be
14 determined by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
15 Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Social Services

16 and Public Health.

17 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
18 Commissioners of Social Services and Emergency Services and Public
19 Protection, may adopt or amend regulations, in accordance with
20 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement and administer the
21 provisions of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health may
22 implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the
23 provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies
24 and procedures as regulations, provided the Commissioner of Public
25 Health prints notice of intent to adopt regulations in the Connecticut
26 Law Journal not later than twenty days after the date of
27 implementation. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to
28 this section shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide adequate shelter for residents in need of certain medical care or equipment during declared states of emergencies.

[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.]