



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 937

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "elderly person" means a person sixty years of age or older,
3 and (2) "nursing home facility" has the same meaning as provided in
4 section 19a-521 of the general statutes.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
6 Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop a plan to ensure that, on
7 and after January 1, 2016, not less than seventy-five per cent of elderly
8 persons who require long-term care shall receive such care in a home
9 setting rather than a nursing home facility.

10 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
11 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
12 conduct a study that identifies: (1) The number of elderly persons in
13 this state projected to be in need of long-term care on and after January
14 1, 2016; (2) the projected percentage of persons identified in
15 subdivision (1) of this subsection who would be deemed functionally
16 capable of receiving long-term care in a home setting; (3) federal and
17 state funds projected to be available to support such care on and after
18 January 1, 2016; (4) projected savings from providing such care in a
19 home setting rather than a nursing home facility for seventy-five per
20 cent of those requiring such care; (5) labor force changes needed to

21 provide such care; and (6) the impact on nursing home facilities.

22 (d) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
23 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
24 convene a working group which includes, but is not limited to: (1)
25 Elderly persons who are long-term care consumers or their
26 representatives; (2) representatives of home care providers; (3)
27 representatives of for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home facilities;
28 and (4) Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health
29 staff who oversee long-term care services and regulations.

30 (e) Not later than December 31, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
31 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
32 present the plan described in subsection (b) of this section to the joint
33 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
34 matters relating to aging, human services and public health.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsec. (a), the defined term "elderly" was changed to "elderly person" for accuracy, and in subsec. (d), conforming, technical changes were made.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*