



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5052

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of section 17a-17 of the general statutes, for the fiscal years
3 ending June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, the provisions of
4 section 17a-17 of the general statutes shall not be considered in any
5 increases or decreases to rates or allowable per diem payments to
6 private residential treatment centers licensed pursuant to section 17a-
7 145 of the general statutes.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-802 of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
10 *1, 2014*):

11 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish, within available
12 appropriations, and administer a security deposit guarantee program
13 for persons who (1) (A) are recipients of temporary family assistance,
14 aid under the state supplement program, or state-administered general
15 assistance, or (B) have a documented showing of financial need, and
16 (2) (A) are residing in emergency shelters or other emergency housing,
17 cannot remain in permanent housing due to any reason specified in
18 subsection (a) of section 17b-808, or are served a writ, summons and

19 complaint in a summary process action instituted pursuant to chapter
20 832, or (B) have a certificate or voucher from a rental assistance
21 program or federal Section 8 [certificate or voucher] program. Under
22 [such] the security deposit guarantee program, the Commissioner of
23 Housing may provide security deposit guarantees for use by such
24 persons in lieu of a security deposit on a rental dwelling unit. Eligible
25 persons may receive a security deposit guarantee in an amount not to
26 exceed the equivalent of two months' rent on such rental unit. No
27 person may apply for and receive a security deposit guarantee more
28 than once in any eighteen-month period without the express
29 authorization of the Commissioner of Housing, except as provided in
30 subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Housing may deny
31 eligibility for the security deposit guarantee program to an applicant
32 for whom the commissioner has paid two claims by landlords. The
33 Commissioner of Housing shall prioritize provision of security deposit
34 guarantees to eligible veterans and may establish priorities for
35 providing security deposit guarantees to other eligible persons
36 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of this
37 subsection in order to administer the program within available
38 appropriations.

39 Sec. 3. Section 17b-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

41 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available
42 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
43 allow not more than [fifty] one hundred persons with disabilities (1)
44 who are age eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are
45 inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate
46 institutionalization, and (3) whose assets do not exceed the asset limits
47 of the state-funded home care program for the elderly, established
48 pursuant to subsection (i) of section 17b-342, to be eligible to receive
49 the same services that are provided under the state-funded home care
50 program for the elderly. At the discretion of the Commissioner of
51 Social Services, such persons may also be eligible to receive services

52 that are necessary to meet needs attributable to disabilities in order to
 53 allow such persons to avoid institutionalization.

54 (b) Any person participating in the pilot program whose income
 55 exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall
 56 contribute to the cost of care in accordance with the methodology
 57 established for recipients of medical assistance pursuant to sections
 58 5035.20 and 5035.25 of the department's uniform policy manual.

59 (c) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under
 60 the pilot program shall not exceed fifty per cent of the weighted
 61 average cost of care in nursing homes in the state.

62 (d) If the number of persons eligible for the pilot program
 63 established pursuant to this section exceeds [fifty] one hundred
 64 persons or if the cost of the program exceeds available appropriations,
 65 the commissioner shall establish a waiting list designed to serve
 66 applicants by order of application date.

67 Sec. 4. Section 19a-402 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 68 *July 1, 2014*)

69 Sec. 5. Section 15 of public act 13-184 is repealed. (*Effective from*
 70 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-802(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-617
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, section 15 of public act 13-184 has been restated as new language because the provisions of section 1 extend until June 30, 2018, under the bill and therefore should be codified. If section 1 were to be

