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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
RESPIRE PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-349e of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Respite care services" means support services which provide
6 short-term relief from the demands of ongoing care for an individual
7 with Alzheimer's disease.

8 (2) "Caretaker" means a person who has the responsibility for the
9 care of an individual with Alzheimer's disease or has assumed the
10 responsibility for such individual voluntarily, by contract or by order
11 of a court of competent jurisdiction.

12 (3) "Copayment" means a payment made by or on behalf of an
13 individual with Alzheimer's disease for respite care services.

14 (4) "Individual with Alzheimer's disease" means an individual with
15 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

16 (b) The Commissioner on Aging shall operate a program [, within
17 available appropriations,] to provide respite care services for
18 caretakers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, provided such
19 individuals with Alzheimer's disease meet the requirements set forth
20 in subsection (c) of this section. Such respite care services may include,
21 but need not be limited to (1) homemaker services; (2) adult day care;
22 (3) temporary care in a licensed medical facility; (4) home-health care;
23 (5) companion services; or (6) personal care assistant services. Such
24 respite care services may be administered directly by the Department
25 on Aging, or through contracts for services with providers of such
26 services, or by means of direct subsidy to caretakers of individuals
27 with Alzheimer's disease to purchase such services.

28 (c) (1) No individual with Alzheimer's disease may participate in the
29 program if such individual (A) has an annual income of more than
30 [forty-one] fifty thousand dollars or liquid assets of more than one
31 hundred nine thousand dollars, or (B) is receiving services under the
32 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly. On July 1, 2009, and
33 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase such income and
34 asset eligibility criteria over that of the previous fiscal year to reflect
35 the annual cost of living adjustment in Social Security income, if any.

36 (2) No individual with Alzheimer's disease who participates in the
37 program may receive more than three thousand five hundred dollars
38 for services under the program in any fiscal year or receive more than
39 thirty days of out-of-home respite care services other than adult day
40 care services under the program in any fiscal year, except that the
41 commissioner shall adopt regulations pursuant to subsection (d) of this
42 section to provide up to seven thousand five hundred dollars for
43 services to a participant in the program who demonstrates a need for
44 additional services.

45 (3) The commissioner may require an individual with Alzheimer's

