



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5229**

LCO No. 1118



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-372 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "small house nursing home" means an  
4 alternative nursing home facility that (1) consists of one or more units  
5 that are designed and modeled as a private home, (2) houses no more  
6 than fourteen individuals in each unit, (3) includes private rooms and  
7 bathrooms, (4) provides for an increased role for support staff in the  
8 care of residents, (5) incorporates a philosophy of individualized care,  
9 and (6) is licensed as a nursing home under chapter 368v.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may [establish] expand,  
11 within available appropriations, a pilot program to support the  
12 development of [one] small house nursing [home] homes in the state,  
13 including, but not limited to, a facility at the Masonicare health  
14 facilities in Wallingford, in order to improve the quality of life for

15 nursing home residents and to support a goal of providing nursing  
16 home care in a more home-like and less institution-like setting. The  
17 total number of beds under such [project] pilot program shall not  
18 exceed [two hundred eighty beds] three hundred eighty at all facilities.

19 (c) A small house nursing home developed under this section shall  
20 comply with the provisions of sections 17b-352 to 17b-354, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-372

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow additional senior citizens to benefit from a small house nursing home facility.

*[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.]*