



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5257

January Session, 2015



AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE OF NURSING HOME FACILITY OR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME RESIDENT ABUSE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-451 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (g) The Commissioner of Social Services shall require any
4 nursing home facility or residential care home to keep on file for each
5 resident in its care contact information for (1) a family member, as
6 designated by such resident, or (2) a legal guardian of such resident,
7 who shall receive information related to investigations of reports
8 concerning such resident made pursuant to subsection (a) of this
9 section. The commissioner shall immediately notify such designated
10 family member or legal guardian whenever the commissioner has
11 reasonable cause to believe that a resident has been the victim of
12 abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, provided such
13 notification shall not be required when the designated family member
14 or legal guardian is suspected of perpetrating the abuse, neglect,
15 exploitation or abandonment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17b-451
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (g), "keep on file" was changed to "keep on file for each resident in its care" and in Subsec. (g)(1), "a resident" was changed to "such resident" for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*