



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5257

House of Representatives, March 31, 2015

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill specifies certain requirements for nursing homes and clarifies the Department of Social Services' responsibilities under the Protective Services for the Elderly Program. There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

Under this bill, the Department of Social Services (DSS) must require any nursing home or residential care home, for each resident in its care, to keep on file contact information for (1) a family member designated by the resident or (2) the resident's legal guardian. The home must provide information to the family member or guardian about investigations into any reports that the resident has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned or is in need of protective services.

The DSS commissioner must also immediately notify the family member or guardian whenever the commissioner has reason to believe the resident has been a victim of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment, unless the family member or guardian is the suspected perpetrator.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/17/2015)