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House Bill No. 6503

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The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE VETERANS' HOME.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Department of
2 Veterans' Affairs shall establish, within available appropriations, a
3 permanent daily shuttle service at the Veterans' Home. Such shuttle
4 service shall (1) provide transportation to the residents of the home,
5 and (2) travel to and from locations, including, but not limited to, the
6 United States Department of Veterans Affairs' West Haven campus,
7 based on the needs of such residents.

8 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,
9 in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall study
10 existing modes of transportation available to residents of the Veterans'
11 Home. The commissioners shall report, in accordance with the
12 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings of such
13 study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
14 cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs on or

15 before January 1, 2016, and shall issue recommendations with regard
16 to improving transportation to adequately meet the needs of residents.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the Department of Veterans Affairs as the agency already provides transportation for veterans to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' West Haven campus and other locations.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None*Sources: Department of Veterans Affairs*

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6503

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE VETERANS' HOME.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish, within available appropriations, a permanent daily shuttle service at the Veterans' Home to (1) provide transportation for residents and (2) travel to and from locations, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' West Haven campus, based on the residents' needs.

The bill also requires the veterans' affairs commissioner, in consultation with the transportation commissioner, to study existing modes of transportation available to the residents. The commissioners must report their findings to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, by January 1, 2016, and issue recommendations for improving transportation to adequately meet the residents' needs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the study; October 1, 2015 for the shuttle service.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)