

Elton Residential Care Home, and
Park City Residential Care Home
members of Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes
in opposition to
H.B. No. 6887 (Raised) An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's
Recommendations Regarding the Protection of Residents in Health Care Institutions.
Public Health Committee, March 18, 2015

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Dr. Theodore H. Martland and I am the General Partner of The Elton and Park City Limited Partnerships.

The reasons I'm opposed to H.B. No. 6887 are:

1. Residents who do not pay the balance (from social security) of their cost and then refuse to accept any offer of re-location. Will the State reimburse us?
2. A resident who is an alcoholic – How does the residential care home relocate such? Who will take such person?
3. Our two facilities are senior living only by Federal law. Thus, we are unable to retain nurses or MD's. Such are on a 3rd party basis over which we have no control. How then can we be expected to develop and certify any medical data?
4. There are numerous residential care homes in Connecticut, many of which focus on various handicaps of which we have little or no knowledge. Thus, how are we expected to find an appropriate location for a specific resident? Shouldn't the State, with all of its knowledge be the appropriate re-locator?
5. What if the resident will not agree with the extremely complicated discharge plan (if we are able to organize such)?
6. Relocating to a specific geographical area assumes many residential homes of similar organizations exist in a specific area, which isn't true.
7. Why can't the State at least, assist any residential care home when it has a problem with a resident which might require re-location?
8. There are only three (3) residential care homes in Connecticut that are Limited Partnerships where the vast majority of construction and development costs were the result of tax credits for which the State enjoyed the cost deduction advantage.

Thank you kindly for considering my comments.