



Testimony to the Public Health Committee

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Regarding

HB 5537, An Act Concerning Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes

[LeadingAge Connecticut](#) is a membership association of 130 not-for-profit organizations representing the entire field of aging services including not-for-profit nursing homes and residential care homes. On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut, I respectfully submit the following testimony regarding **HB 5537, An Act Concerning Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes**.

LeadingAge Connecticut has reviewed the various sections of this bill that are related to aging services and supports the proposed changes.

Section 4 addresses the nursing home resident in need of methadone maintenance treatment. We appreciate the Department of Public Health's concern for this resident population and their willingness to modify the current statutes to accommodate this particular resident care need.

Section 5 would modify the current definition of Residential Care Home to clarify that it is a community based setting and would further allow a residential care home to qualify as a setting that allows residents to receive home and community based Medicaid funded services. We support these proposed modifications to the current statute.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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