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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study issues concerning hoarding. The task force shall (1) review  
3 current methods used by various public agencies to address hoarding,  
4 (2) identify barriers faced by public agencies to intervene and assist  
5 persons who compulsively hoard, (3) create a framework to coordinate  
6 the efforts among state and local public agencies to address the public  
7 safety and health issues associated with hoarding, and (4) study  
8 whether it is permissible to waive a period of Medicaid ineligibility  
9 with regard to an individual who compulsively hoards and whose  
10 assets have been discovered after such individual applies for Medicaid.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
13 one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals  
14 Association and one of whom shall be an attorney with experience  
15 representing municipalities;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
17 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs  
18 Association and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut  
19 Conference of Municipalities;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the legal aid  
22 assistance programs in the state;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 a representative of a mental health advocacy center;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, who shall be a local building inspector;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
28 a local animal control officer;

29 (7) Three appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a  
30 physician with experience in treating persons with compulsive  
31 disorders, one of whom shall be a representative of a municipal human  
32 services department and one of whom shall be a local health director;

33 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
34 or the commissioner's designee;

35 (9) The Commissioner on Aging, or the commissioner's designee;

36 (10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
37 designee;

38 (11) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
39 the commissioner's designee;

40 (12) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
41 designee;

42 (13) The Chief's State Attorney, or his or her designee;

43 (14) The State Building Inspector, or his or her designee;

44 (15) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee;

45 (16) The Chief Animal Control Officer, or his or her designee; and

46 (17) The executive director of the Commission on Aging, or the  
47 executive director's designee.

48 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
49 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
50 member of the General Assembly.

51 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
52 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
53 filled by the appointing authority.

54 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
55 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
56 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
57 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
58 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

59 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
60 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
61 safety and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

62 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a  
63 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
64 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
65 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the  
66 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
67 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2017,  
68 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a task force to study the issues concerning hoarding.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*