



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 119**

**Special Act No. 16-2**

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs

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Association and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

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

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

(5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a local building inspector and one of whom shall represent residential landlords;

(6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a local animal control officer and one of whom shall be a representative of a residential real estate management company;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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