



Testimony to the Public Health Committee

March 25, 2019

Requesting the Removal of Section 13

**Senate Bill 1035, An Act Authorizing Deemed Status License Renewals for Certain Nonprofit
Community Service Providers**

The Connecticut Association of Adult Day Services, or CAADS, is an association of over 40 adult day centers from across the state and is Connecticut's only professional organization devoted to promoting adult day health services as a high-quality community-based option in the continuum of long-term services and supports. We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on *Senate Bill 1035, An Act Authorizing Deem Status License Renewals for Certain Nonprofit Community Service Providers*.

CAADS respectfully requests that Section 13 be removed from the bill. This section references the certification process for adult day health care facilities that is currently established by the Department of Social Services and which is conducted by CAADS through a peer review process. There is no national accrediting organization that we are aware of that can provide the alternative national accreditation for deemed status called for in this bill with regard to adult day centers. We also have not heard from any of our adult day center members regarding their desire for a deemed status alternative.

We also believe that this section can be removed from the bill without any consequence to the rest of the bill. As a result, we urge the Committee to remove this section from the bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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