Bill No.: HB-7316
Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HOME CARE PROVIDERS.
Vote Date: 3/14/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/12/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Labor and Public Employees Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:
The employment statutes of home care providers need clarification. This bill would establish a task force to do this.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Chaim Gerwirtzman, Chairman, Home Care Association of America: This bill provides additional rights to workers who are treated as independent contractors when providing services at another person’s home. It designates eleven members and they request the bill be amended to include a representative from an owner of an employer-based home care agency. They have substantial knowledge and experience about the rights of workers who are treated as independent contractors and would serve as a valuable resource.

John Shulansky, Managing Director, EldersChoice of Connecticut, LLC: Registries provide important and in some cases, lower cost options for consumers to access state-regulated non-medical home care. Everyone will benefit from serious policy discussions. Clarification is essential to focus on the core mission: to provide quality, non-medical home care support with adequate protections for consumers and domestic workers. The Registry Association needs to be included to assure the provisions of home care services, have clarity and domestic workers have the benefits they deserve.
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

Reported by: Marie Knudsen  Date: March 25, 2019