

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-160

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING
Title: FACILITIES AND OTHER HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.

Vote Date: 3/3/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill prohibits smoking in a nursing home facility as defined in CGS section 19a-490 including state or federally subsidized housing designated for elderly persons.

The JFS language adds HUD public housing units where smoking was banned last year to a statewide ban. It bans smoking in common areas and within 25 feet of entrances and exits of other housing for elderly not subject to HUD ban.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No testimony submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Paul Formica, Connecticut General Assembly: He supports this bill since the negative effect of smoking is well known and is already banned in many public buildings. Continuing the practice is a concern of many nonsmokers particularly about the effects of second-hand smoke.

Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut: They are not opposed to this proposal since they assumed that nursing home are currently included in the statutes as a "health care institution" in Section 19a-342 of the statutes.

Pamela Cavallaro, Resident of a senior housing complex: She supports the bill and feels that it should be standard ruling that there is no smoking or vaping on the grounds at all. She also feels that there should be consequences for infractions to this proposal.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No testimony submitted

Reported by: Richard Ferrari, Assistant Clerk
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Date: 3/10/2020