

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

SENATE FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-199

AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
LOW PROTEIN MODIFIED FOOD PRODUCTS, AMINO ACID MODIFIED

Title: PREPARATIONS AND SPECIALIZED FORMULAS.

Vote Date: 3/10/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/25/2020

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will allow health insurance coverage for specialized formulas for individuals twelve years of age and older

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Ct Association of Health Plans stated to consider that the ACA requires qualified health plans offered on the Exchange to include a federally defined essential health benefits package. The burden of the cost of this bill would fall only on the fully-insured market who are generally smaller employers. The ratio of self-insured to fully-insured groups in CT is now nearing 60% to 40%. As the ACA recognized, the system cannot continue to absorb the additional costs of new mandates.

Michelle Rakebrand, Asst Counsel of CBIA stated they oppose any healthcare bills without a complete cost-benefit analysis being conducted prior to the passage. Health benefit mandates pose an enormous cost to all CT residents.

Reported by: Diane Kubeck

Date: March, 23, 2020