

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

SENATE FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-329

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES.

Vote Date: 3/10/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

Long-term care premiums have increased substantially causing Connecticut residents to pay increased premiums or cancel their policy. This bill would require the Insurance Commissioner to develop a minimum set of affordable benefit options for long-term care policies and provide that no insurance company issue, renew, continue or amend such policies in the State of Connecticut. This bill would also authorize the Attorney General to investigate rate filing referred to their office from the Department of Insurance and take action to protect and secure compensation for the insured under the long-term care policy that is subject of rate filing.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Themis Klarides, House Republican Leader, 114th District, State Representative; supports this bill, stating that it is imperative to take measures mitigate increases and provide the consumer protections that were not in place when these policies were originally sold.

Christopher Davis, 57th District, State Representative; supports this bill with additional language. It is stated that Chapter 700c of the General Statutes be amended to include clarity in policy disclosures, require carriers to notify policy holders of requested premium rate increases and cap for three years long-term care premium increases to the level of healthcare inflation.

John Alubicki, Managing Broker, Keller Williams Realty; supports this bill, stating that it is vitally important to pay attention to the increase in drug prices.

AARP Connecticut; supports this bill, stating that Connecticut has the second most expensive nursing home care in the nation. It was stated that long-term care policy holders are considering dropping policies because of the increasing prices of policies. It was stated that this bill provides new protections and options for long-term care insurance policy holders but does not address the underlying structural issues.

Paul Pace, Resident, Newington, Connecticut; supports this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Stephen J. Daniels, Resident, Connecticut; opposes this bill, stating this bill should have a grandfather clause to protect long time holders. It was also stated that Insurance companies should limit their annual increases.

Linda Timura, Resident, Ellington, Connecticut; opposes this bill, stating it does not address any concerns of policyholders who hold Long-Term Care Insurance policies. It was also stated that one size does not fit all, and carriers are not required to provide data on other insurance when submitting requests for rate increases. It was stated that carriers should be required to provide data on the “health” of their entire company.

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