



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1057***

LCO No. 4993



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 "nursing home" means (1) any chronic and convalescent nursing home  
3 or any rest home with nursing supervision that provides nursing  
4 supervision under a medical director twenty-four hours per day, or (2)  
5 any chronic and convalescent nursing home that provides skilled  
6 nursing care under medical supervision and direction to carry out  
7 nonsurgical treatment and dietary procedures for chronic diseases,  
8 convalescent stages, acute diseases or injuries.

9 (b) On or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health  
10 shall establish minimum staffing level requirements for nursing homes  
11 of at least four and one-tenth hours of direct care per resident, including  
12 seventy-five hundredths hours of care by a registered nurse, fifty-four  
13 hundredths hours of care by a licensed practical nurse and two and  
14 eighty-one hundredths hours of care by a certified nurse's assistant.

15 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the

16 Commissioner of Social Services, shall (1) review the current definition  
17 of the term "direct care" in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies  
18 and consider redefining the term for purposes of minimum staffing level  
19 requirements, (2) review and implement best practices for establishing  
20 and maintaining minimum staffing levels at nursing homes, (3)  
21 encourage nursing homes to adopt payment incentives for staff to work  
22 in a single nursing home, and (4) prohibit the hiring of any person  
23 subject to a consent order issued by the Department of Public Health for  
24 violations of health and safety regulations pertaining to nursing homes  
25 from working at a nursing home in any capacity.

26 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
27 Commissioner of Public Health, shall establish a minimum percentage  
28 of Medicaid reimbursement to nursing homes for the provision of direct  
29 care to nursing home residents.

30 (e) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations in  
31 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the  
32 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the minimum staffing levels at nursing home facilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*