



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 8262



Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 973

File No. 192

Cal. No. 154

**"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILY COUNCILS."**

1 Strike lines 13 to 30 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "(b) Not later than three days after a state agency submits a legislative  
4 proposal to the General Assembly or posts a notice of intent on the  
5 eRegulations System proposing a new or revised regulation concerning  
6 living and care conditions at long-term care facilities, such agency shall  
7 inform the State Ombudsman, appointed pursuant to section 17a-405 of  
8 the general statutes, and the executive director of the Commission on  
9 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, established  
10 pursuant to section 2-127 of the general statutes. The State Ombudsman  
11 and the executive director shall seek testimony from the Statewide  
12 Coalition of Presidents of Residents Councils and from family councils

13 concerning such legislative proposal or proposed regulation. For  
14 regulations other than those proposed pursuant to subsections (g) and  
15 (h) of section 4-168 of the general statutes, the State Ombudsman and  
16 the executive director shall immediately inform the members of the  
17 coalition and family councils that the agency will be required to hold a  
18 public hearing upon the request of fifteen or more persons not later than  
19 fourteen days after the date such notice of intent is posted on the  
20 eRegulations System. Such agency or legislative committee of  
21 cognizance shall accept testimony in a manner and format that provides  
22 for the greatest input from members of residents councils and family  
23 councils including, but not limited to, when permissible under the rules  
24 of such agency or committee and when practicable, remote testimony  
25 by such members via technology with audio or audio and video  
26 capabilities."