



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5311**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT ENCOURAGING SOCIALIZATION FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR VISITS WITH FAMILY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) Any nursing home facility,  
2 as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, with available  
3 vehicles equipped to transport nonambulatory residents, may provide  
4 nonemergency transportation of such residents to the homes of such  
5 residents' family members, provided: (1) Such family members live  
6 within fifteen miles of the nursing home facility, and (2) such  
7 transportation is approved not less than five business days in advance  
8 by a physician or physician's assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370  
9 of the general statutes, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed  
10 pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, within available  
12 appropriations, shall establish a grant program to fund such  
13 nonemergency transportation. The commissioner shall prescribe forms  
14 and procedures for a nursing home facility to apply for a grant through  
15 the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*