

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1039

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL REGULATION, LIFE
INSURANCE AND INSURANCE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND
TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Title: STATUTES.

Vote Date: 3/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would make various technical changes to existing statute as recommended by the Connecticut Insurance Department. In addition to various changes the department deems to be necessary there are other proposed changes that are meant to bring Connecticut more in line with federal statute.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

New language in this bill prohibits individual and group health insurance policies from discriminating against insureds on the basis of gender identity or expression, sex or age with respect to coverage for the medically necessary expenses for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

There are also technical corrections in lines 370 and 455 by changing “of” to “for”, and in (b)(3) of sections 11 and 12 to include the language “such coverage for”.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Connecticut Insurance Department, Legislative Liaison, Jim Carson: supports this bill and states that this bill would add two additional fees to the existing fee structure and allow the Insurance Commissioner to require fees to be paid electronically. It is further stated that

this bill makes several technical changes to statute as recommended by the department, namely insurance licensing as well as life and health.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders, Director of Family Advocacy, Patience Crozier: states that this bill removes the age 40 limit to current infertility statute to bring state statute in line with federal requirements. It is further stated that this bill should be amended to include access to fertility healthcare for LGBTQ couples and people covered by Medicaid.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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Date: 3/28/2023