



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5780

LCO No. 3108



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HEARING TESTS AND HEARING AIDS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of Aging
2 and Disability Services shall, within available appropriations, establish
3 a pilot program to provide access to hearing screening tests and
4 hearing aids for eligible senior citizens. The pilot program shall
5 commence on or before January 1, 2024, and shall terminate not later
6 than January 1, 2025.

7 (b) To be eligible for the pilot program, an individual shall: (1) Be
8 sixty-five years of age or older, (2) earn an annual income not
9 exceeding two hundred forty-five per cent of the federal poverty level,
10 and (3) lack insurance coverage for the full cost of hearing screening
11 tests and hearing aids.

12 (c) Not later than February 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Aging and
13 Disability Services shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
14 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging on the pilot

16 program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

AGE *Joint Favorable*