



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6575

LCO No. 3340



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

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, 2023*) (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, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase socialization opportunities for nonambulatory nursing home residents by authorizing nursing homes to provide transportation for such residents to visit nearby family and establishing a grant program within available appropriations to pay for such transportation.

[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.]