



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1026

LCO No. 4115



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING RATIOS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2024, the Department of Public Health shall (1) establish minimum
3 staffing level requirements for nursing home facilities of at least four
4 and one-tenth hours of direct care per resident, including three-quarter
5 hours of care by a registered nurse, fifty-four hundredth hours of care
6 by a licensed practical nurse and two and eighty-one hundredth hours
7 of care by a certified nurse's assistant, and (2) modify staffing level
8 requirements for social work and recreational staff of nursing homes
9 such that the requirements (A) for social work are one full-time social
10 worker per sixty residents, and (B) for recreational staff are higher than
11 the requirements prior to January 1, 2022, as deemed appropriate by the
12 Commissioner of Public Health.

13 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the
15 provisions of this section.

16 Sec. 2. Section 19a-562h of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

18 (a) [If] On or before January 1, 2024, if the Commissioner of Public
19 Health finds that a nursing home facility has substantially failed to
20 comply with a nursing home facility staffing level requirement
21 established pursuant to [the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
22 the commissioner may (1) take any disciplinary action against the
23 nursing home facility permitted under section 19a-494, and (2) issue or
24 cause to be issued a citation to the licensee of such nursing home facility
25 pursuant to the provisions of section 19a-524] section 1 of this act, such
26 violation shall be considered a class B violation pursuant to section 19a-
27 527.

28 (b) A nursing home shall pay any civil penalty imposed as a result of
29 the violation not later than seven days after the violation from
30 management fees or funds assigned for administrative and general
31 costs.

32 [(b)] (c) A citation of a nursing home facility staffing level
33 requirement set forth in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
34 shall be prominently posted in the nursing home facility and included
35 in the listing prepared by the Department of Public Health pursuant to
36 the provisions of section 19a-540.

37 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
38 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	19a-562h

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) establish minimum nursing home staffing levels, and (2) impose stricter penalties for violations.

[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.]