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"AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section: (1)
4 "Complex rehabilitation technology" has the same meaning as provided
5 in section 17b-278j of the general statutes; (2) "manufacturer" means the
6 original equipment manufacturer of complex rehabilitation technology;
7 (3) "authorized service provider" means a person or company
8 authorized by a manufacturer to service or repair complex rehabilitation
9 technology whether or not such provider is affiliated with the
10 manufacturer; (4) "consumer" means the owner, renter or user of
11 complex rehabilitation technology; (5) "services" means the assessment,
12 diagnostics, maintenance or repairs performed on complex
13 rehabilitation technology; and (6) "repair" means the completion of all
14 services needed to return damaged complex rehabilitation technology

15 to its original condition according to owner specifications.

16 (b) There is established a task force to study minimum standards for
17 the timely repair of complex rehabilitation technology, including, but
18 not limited to, improving timelines for assessment and repair of such
19 technology by a manufacturer or authorized service provider upon
20 notification from a consumer about the need for repairs. The task force
21 shall:

22 (1) Examine and make recommendations for policy, regulations and
23 legislation necessary to improve the independence of motion and
24 quality of life of consumers using complex rehabilitation technology in
25 the state;

26 (2) Assess barriers to timely repair of complex rehabilitation
27 technology, including, but not limited to, recruitment and retention of
28 staff, travel time to complete repairs, geographical locations of
29 authorized service providers, supply chain and parts availability issues;

30 (3) Review how repairs for complex rehabilitation technology are
31 paid for and by whom;

32 (4) Survey consumers state wide to determine scope and breadth of
33 problems associated with timeliness and cost of complex rehabilitation
34 technology repair and other barriers to timely repair; and

35 (5) Study successes and challenges experienced by other states that
36 have policies, statutes or regulations associated with complex
37 rehabilitation technology service and repair and make
38 recommendations concerning adoption of similar policies, statutes and
39 regulations in the state.

40 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

41 (1) Two consumers appointed by the speaker of the House of
42 Representatives, who shall be residents of the state who are not affiliated
43 with any complex rehabilitation technology manufacturer or authorized
44 service provider;

45 (2) Two consumers appointed by the president pro tempore of the
46 Senate, who shall be residents of the state who are not employed by the
47 state or affiliated with any complex rehabilitation technology
48 manufacturer or authorized service provider;

49 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
50 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of a local nonprofit
51 organization dedicated to supporting independent living centers in the
52 state and one of whom is a complex rehabilitation technology
53 manufacturer doing business in the state;

54 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
55 shall be a person with extensive experience in disability rights advocacy
56 and one of whom shall be a person with extensive experience in
57 disability legal policy, both of whom live and work in the state but are
58 not employed by the state or affiliated with a complex rehabilitation
59 technology manufacturer or authorized service provider;

60 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
61 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of a national
62 nonprofit organization of suppliers and manufacturers of complex
63 rehabilitation technology and one of whom shall be an authorized
64 service provider;

65 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
66 shall be a complex rehabilitation technology manufacturer and one of
67 whom shall be an authorized service provider;

68 (7) A representative of a private health insurance company providing
69 coverage for complex rehabilitation technology, appointed by the
70 Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
71 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services;

72 (8) An assistive technology professional, appointed by the House
73 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
74 having cognizance of matters relating to human services;

75 (9) The Commissioners of Aging and Disability Services, Consumer
76 Protection, Social Services and Public Health and the Insurance
77 Commissioner, or their designees;

78 (10) The House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing
79 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
80 relating to human services, or their designees; and

81 (11) The House and Senate ranking members of the joint standing
82 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
83 relating to human services, or their designees.

84 (d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)
85 to (8), inclusive, or subdivision (10) of subsection (c) of this section may
86 be a member of the General Assembly.

87 (e) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
88 June 30, 2023.

89 (f) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
90 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services shall
91 select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the
92 task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task
93 force, which shall be held not later than July 15, 2023.

94 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
95 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
96 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

97 (h) Not later than February 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
98 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
99 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging,
100 consumer protection, human services, insurance and public health, in
101 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
102 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
103 February 1, 2024, whichever is later."

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