



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5308

LCO No. 1417



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN
PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-150c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 An applicant who applies for an absentee ballot because of
4 unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days
5 immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or
6 referendum or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital or nursing
7 home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490, within such six-day
8 period, may appoint a designee, as defined in subsection (b) of section
9 9-140b, to deliver the ballot to [him] the applicant, by stating on the
10 application, in a space provided for that purpose, (1) the date of
11 occurrence of the illness or disability or the name and address of the
12 hospital or nursing home in which the applicant is a patient within such
13 six-day period, (2) the name, address and category under [said]
14 subsection [,] (b) of section 9-140b of the person so designated, and (3)

15 the delivery which the person is designated to perform, provided the
 16 person so designated shall also sign a statement on the application to
 17 the effect that [he] such person consents to the designation and will
 18 perform the delivery without tampering with the ballot in any way. If
 19 the application designates a person to deliver the ballot to the applicant,
 20 [that] such person shall personally submit the application to the
 21 municipal clerk. If such application is personally submitted to the clerk,
 22 [in person,] within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls
 23 at an election, [or] primary or referendum, by a person designated on
 24 the application to deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant as
 25 provided in this section and in subsection (b) of [said] section 9-140b,
 26 and if [the] such application is dated within such [time] six-day period,
 27 the clerk shall give [that] such person the absentee voting set.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-150c

Statement of Purpose:

To allow an absentee ballot applicant, who is a patient in a nursing home within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or referendum, to designate someone to deliver an absentee ballot to such applicant.

[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.]