General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6986

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LCO No. **5071**

Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section, "senior citizen" means a state resident sixty-five years of age or older. There is established a "Senior Citizens' Bill of Rights". The rights afforded to senior citizens, as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, are available only insofar as they are implemented in accordance with other parts of the general statutes, state rules and regulations, federal law, the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United States.

(b) Each senior citizen in this state has the right to:

(1) Live in the community of their choosing;

(2) Independence to the maximum extent possible no matter the age or ability of such senior citizen;

(3) Participate in care decisions to the maximum extent possible;

(4) Live with dignity; and

(5) Be treated inclusively and with respect, including being accepted as their authentic selves, whether or not they identify with any community with a history of being marginalized or disempowered.

(c) Each municipality may post in a public place a notice of the rights enumerated under subsection (b) of this section. Each nursing home, managed residential community and facility housing elderly persons licensed or funded by the state shall post such notice in at least fourteen-point type at the entrance to such nursing home, managed residential community or facility.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2025*	New section

Statement of Purpose:
To establish a senior citizens' bill of rights.

[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.]