
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6986

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

SUMMARY

This bill creates a bill of rights for state residents aged 65 years or older (“senior citizens”). It specifies that the rights given to them must be available to them only to the extent that they are implemented in keeping with the general statutes, state rules and regulations, federal law, and the state and U.S. constitutions.

Under the bill, senior citizens have the right to:

1. live where they choose;
2. independence to the maximum extent possible no matter their age or ability;
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 a historically marginalized or disempowered community.

The bill requires each state-licensed or -funded nursing home, managed residential community, or facility housing elderly individuals to post a notice of these rights at its entrance in at least 14-point type. It allows municipalities to post notices of these rights in public places.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 2 (03/04/2025)