



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5764

LCO No. 2393



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
REP. COMEY, 102nd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION ACCESS FOR DEAF,
HARD OF HEARING AND DEAFBLIND PERSONS IN HEALTH CARE
SETTINGS.**

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

1 That title 17a of the general statutes be amended to require the
2 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, in consultation with the
3 Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or
4 Deafblind, to (1) evaluate gaps in communication access for deaf, hard
5 of hearing or deafblind persons to medical providers, and (2) file a
6 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
7 statutes, not later than October 1, 2023, with recommendations for
8 improved access with the joint standing committees of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, human
10 services and public health.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve communication access for the deaf and hearing impaired in health care settings.