



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 275

LCO No. 2216



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT PROHIBITING NURSING HOMES FROM REJECTING A PATIENT SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH PATIENT RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:
2 (1) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
3 490 of the general statutes; and (2) "mental health services" means
4 counseling, therapy, rehabilitation, crisis intervention, emergency
5 services or psychiatric medication for the screening, diagnosis or
6 treatment of mental illness.

7 (b) A nursing home shall not discriminate against a person who
8 applies for admission to such nursing home solely on the basis that such
9 person has, at any time, received mental health services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2024</i> | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit nursing homes from denying a patient admission solely on the basis that such person has, at any time, received mental health services.

[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.]