

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 765

LCO No. **2587**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-617 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available 4 5 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to 6 allow not more than one hundred persons with disabilities (1) who are 7 age eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are inappropriately 8 institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate institutionalization, [and] (3) 9 whose assets do not exceed the asset limits of the state-funded home 10 care program for the elderly, established pursuant to subsection (i) of 11 section 17b-342, and (4) who are not eligible for medical assistance 12 under section 17b-261 or a Medicaid waiver pursuant to 42 USC 1396(c), 13 to be eligible to receive the same services that are provided under the 14 state-funded home care program for the elderly. At the discretion of the 15 Commissioner of Social Services, such persons may also be eligible to

- 16 receive services that are necessary to meet needs attributable to
- 17 disabilities in order to allow such persons to avoid institutionalization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1from passage17b-617(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify eligibility for the Connecticut home-care program for persons with disabilities.

[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.]