

General Assembly

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## Raised Bill No. 1322

LCO No. **4479** 

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: (INS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS, REQUIRING STUDIES OF INSURANCE POOLING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND CERTAIN PRACTICES BY HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COMPANIES AND EXEMPTING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM CERTAIN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Nonprofit human services provider" means any nonprofit 3 provider that contracts with the state to provide health and human 4 services that may include, but need not be limited to: (A) Services for 5 persons with a physical disability; (B) services for persons with an 6 intellectual disability or developmental disabilities, including, but not 7 limited to, autism spectrum disorder; and (C) behavioral health services; 8 and

9 (2) "Purchase of service contract" and "state agency" have the same 10 meanings as provided in section 4-70b of the general statutes.

11 (b) No nonprofit human services provider that contracts with the

state through a purchase of service contract shall be liable for injury to person or property caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any state official, state employee or third party occurring during the performance of such nonprofit human services provider's contractual obligations pursuant to such purchase of service contract.

17 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) The Insurance Commissioner shall study 18 the feasibility of (1) allowing one or more nonprofit entities to pool such 19 nonprofit entities' liability insurance policies, including general liability 20 insurance and automobile liability insurance, and (2) establishing a 21 captive insurance company to insure the risk of such pool. Not later than 22 February 1, 2026, the Insurance Commissioner shall report, in 23 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, 24 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having 25 cognizance of matters relating to insurance on the findings of such 26 study.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-29 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

30 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school 31 bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or 32 service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon 33 any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee 34 thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the 35 commissioner that shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability 36 for personal injury, the death of any person or property damage, which 37 injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the use 38 or operation of such motor vehicle described in the contract of insurance 39 or such bond. Such insurance or bond shall not be required from (1) a 40 municipality or nonprofit organization, as provided in section 33-418g, 41 which the commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial 42 responsibility to meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage 43 resulting from or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned

44 or operated by such municipality or nonprofit organization, or (2) the 45 owner or lessee of such class of motor vehicle who holds a certificate of necessity and convenience from the Department 46 public of 47 Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured from the 48 department a certificate that the department has found that such owner 49 or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for 50 personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or caused by 51 the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department of 52 Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of evidence 53 of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

54 Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The Insurance Commissioner 55 shall conduct a study of homeowners insurance practices that require 56 policyholders to make repairs or modifications to such policyholders' 57 residential properties as a condition of granting or maintaining 58 homeowners insurance coverage, including an examination of the 59 frequency and nature of such practices, any financial impact on such 60 policyholders, the reasonableness and necessity of required 61 modifications to residential homes and related homeowners insurance 62 practices in other states. Not later than February 1, 2026, the Insurance 63 Commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions 64 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee 65 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 66 insurance on the findings of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	14-29(a)
Sec. 4	from passage	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Protect nonprofit human services providers from liability for injuries caused by negligent acts or omissions of the state or third parties; (2) require the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a feasibility study of general and automobile liability insurance pooling for nonprofit organizations; (3) require the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a study of homeowners insurance practices requiring policyholders to make repairs or modifications to such policyholders' residential properties as a condition of granting or maintaining homeowners insurance coverage; and (4) exempt nonprofit organizations from certain automobile insurance and bond requirements.

<sup>[</sup>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.]