

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-274

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF

Title: HOME HEALTH CARE.

Vote Date: 3/2/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Change of Reference to Finance, Revenue and Bonding

PH Date: 2/23/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This legislation encourages aging in place by establishing a deduction of up to \$60,000 against personal income tax for the cost of home health care services and medical supplies. Aging residents would prefer to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and receive home-care services rather than move to a long-term care facility. This bill would be an economic benefit for seniors to remain at home. Additionally, there is a positive economic benefit to the state by seniors utilizing home-care services versus transitioning to a long-term care facility.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State Senator Paul Formica, Connecticut General Assembly – The testimony submitted supports this legislation. By giving a state income tax deduction of up to \$60,000 for the cost of full-time health care, more seniors might be able to remain at home than move to a more expensive long-term care facility. Additionally, more seniors would rather remain in their homes than relocate to a long-term care facility. This policy could generate significant long-term savings for the state.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mark McGoldrick, Chairman, Home Care Association of America – The testimony submitted supports the proposed legislation. Professional caregivers enable seniors to enjoy living independently longer in their own homes. The testimony notes many of the direct and

indirect benefits of seniors being able to remain in their homes. It is also noted that nursing home care can be as much as \$91,250 versus \$45,000 for home-care services.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

There was no testimony submitted in opposition to this proposed legislation.

**Reported by: Richard O'Neil, Assistant Clerk
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Date: 3/26/2021