

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-261
AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME
Title: HEALTH CARE COSTS.
Vote Date: 3/10/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/8/2022
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill would allow a state tax deduction for ordinary and necessary expenses up to \$60,000 for the cost of full-time health care that would include in home care and medical supplies for the care of any person seventy years or older. This would help incentivize family members to take care of elderly relatives at home, and financially support family caregivers throughout the state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mr. Marc Gallucci, Chief Advocate, Center for Disability Rights: He submitted testimony strongly in support of this legislation believing that it would encourage more families to assume more of the responsibility for caring for their loved ones. He thinks that State would save money since fewer people will need to go into senior nursing facilities.

Mr. Mark McGoldrick, Chairman, Home Care Assoc. of America: They are in support of this bill that would provide financial relief allowing a State income tax deduction of up to \$60,000 for expenses paid to care for relatives 70 years of age or older for the cost of full-time home health care. Home care services are important to the health and well-being of seniors and families incurring costs associated with non-medical home care that should be deductible.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Mr. David Godbout, Constituent: He expressed opposition to all bills put forward by the Committee under the claim of nullification.

Reported by:

Date: 3/15/22

**Cameron Clarke, Committee Clerk
Richard Ferrari, Assist. Clerk**