General Assembly

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LCO No. **2106**

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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT ENCOURAGING SOCIALIZATION FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR VISITS WITH FAMILY.

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

1   Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) Any nursing home facility,
2   as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, with available
3   vehicles equipped to transport nonambulatory residents, may provide
4   nonemergency transportation of nonambulatory residents to the homes
5   of such residents' family members, provided: (1) Such family members
6   live within the same municipality as the nursing home facility, and (2)
7   such transportation is approved not less than five business days in
8   advance by a physician or physician's assistant, licensed pursuant to
9   chapter 370 of the general statutes, or an advanced practice registered
10   nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes.

11   (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, within available
12   appropriations, shall establish a grant program to fund such
13   nonemergency transportation. The commissioner shall prescribe forms
14   and procedures for a nursing home facility to apply for a grant through

15   the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2022*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase socialization opportunities for nonambulatory nursing home residents by authorizing nursing homes to provide transportation at reasonable cost for such residents to visit nearby family and establishing a grant program within available appropriations to pay for such transportation.

[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.]