

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-930
Title: AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE OF A PROPOSED TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE
OF A NURSING HOME FACILITY RESIDENT TO THE STATE OMBUDSMAN.
Vote Date: 3/1/2023
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/16/2023
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require nursing home facilities to notify the State Ombudsman of a proposed transfer or discharge of a resident.

JFS Language (LCO 5171) changes to require the notice to an "involuntary" transfer.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Dept. of Aging and Disability Services, Ms. Mairead Painter, Long-Term Care Ombudsman: She is in support of this bill and the proposed amendment to the section of the GS that require nursing homes to provide written notice to residents and their representatives before any transfer or discharge. It also requires that nursing homes notify the state ombudsman through the state portal on the same day that notice is given to residents.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Legal Services, Ms. Jean Mills Aranha, Volunteer Attorney: They are in **support** of this proposal. The bill will now require that the State Ombudsman would receive notice of a discharge or transfer of a nursing home resident at the same time. This ensures that someone other than the resident is notified of the proposed transfer.

Mr. John Interland, Canton, Ct.

Ms. Paula Lopez, Newton, Ct.

Ms. Nina Romanenko, Past Therapeutic Recreation Director

Ms. Amy Dadini, (?)
Mr. Frederic Kaeser, Seymour, Ct.
Anonymous
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All offered testimony in **support** of this proposal. Some provided antidotal evidence of why the legislation was necessary.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

LeadingAge Connecticut, Ms. Mag Morelli, President: We are **opposed** to this bill as currently proposed. Because the notice for nursing home transfers and discharges must be provided to the resident no later than 30 days prior to the date of transfer or discharge we do not agree with the need to provide the report to the state ombudsman simultaneously. They do not believe there is a need for an additional mandate.

Connecticut Assoc. of Health care Facilities/Connecticut Center of Assisted Living, Mr. Matt Barrett, President & CEO: They are **opposed** to this bill and ask the Committee to take no action on it. They point out that a similar provision is being considered under another bill that is limited to involuntary transaction. Also, they point out a PA 22-57 already required that these notices be provided to the State Ombudsman.

Reported by: Richard Ferrari, Assist. Clerk

Date: 3/6/23