



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6578***

LCO No. 3612



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AIR CONDITIONING IN NURSING HOMES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-522a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On and after July 1, 2024, each chronic and convalescent nursing  
4 home and rest home with nursing supervision shall have an air  
5 conditioning system in all resident rooms. Not later than January 1,  
6 2024, each chronic and convalescent nursing home and rest home with  
7 nursing supervision shall submit a report to the Department of Public  
8 Health attesting to its compliance with this subsection or its plan to  
9 comply with the requirements of this subsection.

10 (b) A chronic and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with  
11 nursing supervision may maintain temperatures in resident rooms and  
12 other areas used by residents at such facilities at levels that are lower  
13 than minimum temperature standards prescribed in the Public Health  
14 Code provided temperature levels at such facilities comply with the  
15 comfortable and safe temperature standards prescribed under federal

16 law pursuant to 42 CFR 483.15(h)(6). In accordance with section 19a-36,  
17 the Commissioner of Public Health shall amend the Public Health Code  
18 in conformity with the provisions of this section.

19 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to residential care  
20 homes, as defined in section 19a-490.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established, within  
22 the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, a  
23 revolving loan account for the purpose of providing financial assistance  
24 to owners of chronic and convalescent nursing homes or rest homes  
25 with nursing supervision, licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the  
26 general statutes, for costs incurred to install air conditioning systems  
27 required by subsection (a) of section 19a-522a of the general statutes, as  
28 amended by this act.

29 (b) The revolving loan account shall contain any moneys provided or  
30 required by law to be deposited in the account. The authority may  
31 accept contributions from any source, public or private, for deposit in  
32 the account for purposes of the loan program.

33 (c) Loans made pursuant to this section shall have such terms and  
34 conditions and shall be subject to such eligibility, loan approval, credit  
35 and other underwriting requirements and criteria as are determined by  
36 the authority to be reasonable in light of the purpose of the loan  
37 program.

38 (d) On or before January 1, 2024, and biannually thereafter so long as  
39 the loan program remains active, the authority shall submit to the joint  
40 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
41 matters relating to aging, human services and public health a report, in  
42 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, setting forth the  
43 following information: (1) A list of the loans made under the program,  
44 a general description of the terms and conditions of such loans and the  
45 repayment history; (2) an assessment of the impact of such loans on  
46 compliance with the requirements of section 19a-522a of the general  
47 statutes, as amended by this act; (3) the need for additional funding for

48 the loan program authorized by this section; and (4) such other  
49 information as the authority deems relevant to evaluating the success of  
50 the loan program in meeting its objectives.

51 (e) In connection with the making and administration of loans  
52 pursuant to this section, the authority shall have and may exercise such  
53 powers as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this  
54 section, including the same powers expressly granted to the authority  
55 in section 10a-180 of the general statutes with respect to other loans.

56 (f) No loan may be made pursuant to this section after June 30, 2024,  
57 and any moneys then remaining in, or thereafter received to the credit  
58 of, the account established in subsection (b) of this section may be  
59 withdrawn by the authority from such account and used for other  
60 purposes of the authority, subject to specific restrictions governing any  
61 contribution to such account pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

62 (g) The authority shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with  
63 section 1-121 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this  
64 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-522a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require nursing homes to have air conditioning in each resident's room and establish a loan program to provide loans to nursing homes to comply with such requirement.

*[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.]*