



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7169

LCO No. 4611



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-105c of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in accordance with federal
4 law, may implement policy to simplify program administration and
5 increase payment accuracy in the supplemental nutrition assistance
6 program, while in the process of adopting such policy as regulation,
7 provided notice of such policy is published in the [Connecticut Law
8 Journal within twenty days of implementation] eRegulations System
9 prior to adopting the policy.

10 (b) The commissioner shall not require a telephone or in-person
11 interview of a beneficiary more than once annually for renewal of
12 supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits and shall not
13 terminate benefits for any beneficiary who attempted to reach the
14 Department of Social Services by telephone for such interview but who

15 was not interviewed despite waiting at least sixty minutes for a
16 response from department staff.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 17b-105c |

Statement of Purpose:

To require that the Department of Social Services not require telephone or in-person interviews to renew eligibility for supplemental nutritional assistance more than once annually and to prevent the department from penalizing persons who attempt to renew eligibility by telephone but are unable to reach a department staff member within sixty minutes.

[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.]