

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 372

LCO No. **2698**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GREEN INITIATIVES IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Developmental Services shall encourage each operator of a residential facility, licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the general statutes, to adopt standards and practices that promote energy efficiency and incorporate environmentally friendly construction materials and techniques in the construction of any new residential facility.

7 (b) Any residential facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the 8 general statutes may participate in any energy assessment program 9 available under section 16-245m of the general statutes. The owner or 10 operator of a residential facility participating in such energy assessment 11 program, or such owner or operator's designee, shall provide a copy of 12 any energy assessment report received by such facility to the 13 Department of Developmental Services.

14 (c) Not later than July 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Developmental

Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health on (1) the findings of the energy assessments performed on licensed residential facilities pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2) recommendations for energy efficiency improvement in facilities licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1from passageNew section

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage licensed residential facilities to adopt standards that promote energy efficiency and incorporate environmentally friendly building materials.

[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.]