

1 S.267

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Long-term care; health care reform; housing

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to define “home- and  
7 community-based services” to include housing which includes specified senior  
8 services.

9 An act relating to home- and community-based health services for senior  
10 citizens

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. Sec. 1(h) of No. 56 of the Acts of 2005 is amended to read:

13 (h) “Long-term care” means care or services received by an individual in a  
14 nursing home, or through home- and community-based services designed to  
15 assist older Vermonters and people with disabilities to remain independent and  
16 avoid inappropriate institutionalization. “Home- and community-based  
17 services” include:

18 (1) services funded through a long-term care Medicaid 1115 waiver;

19 (2) services provided to individuals with traumatic brain injury through  
20 a Medicaid waiver;

- 1           (3) services provided in residential care homes and assisted living  
2 residences;
- 3           (4) assisted community care services;
- 4           (5) attendant services;
- 5           (6) homemaker services;
- 6           (7) services funded through the Older Americans Act;
- 7           (8) adult day services;
- 8           (9) home health services;
- 9           (10) respite services for families including an individual with  
10 Alzheimer's disease;
- 11           (11) services provided by the Home Access Project of the Vermont  
12 Center for Independent Living;
- 13           (12) programs providing meals for young people with disabilities;
- 14           (13) services provided by the Sue Williams Freedom Fund of the  
15 Vermont Center for Independent Living;
- 16           (14) living skills services from the Vermont Association for the Blind  
17 and Visually Impaired;
- 18           (15) services under the Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly  
19 (PACE);
- 20           (16) services under the Home Share Vermont program; ~~and~~
- 21           (17) transportation services; and

1           (18) housing with services for seniors as described under the Seniors  
2           Aging Safely at Home (SASH) program.

3           Sec. 2. SENIORS AGING SAFELY AT HOME PROGRAM

4           The Seniors Aging Safely at Home (SASH) program will provide  
5           evidence-based information to guide standards for care coordination and the  
6           services necessary for seniors to age safely in housing communities partially or  
7           fully funded or financed with public funds. The SASH program shall be fully  
8           integrated with the Blueprint for Health, the Choices For Care Medicaid  
9           Program, and related long-term care and health care reforms. The health  
10           access oversight committee shall schedule testimony on a regular basis  
11           regarding the statewide SASH demonstration program, sustainable funding  
12           sources, and projected impact on Medicare and Medicaid expenditures.

13           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14           This act shall take effect upon passage.