Senate, March 18, 2025

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. HOCHADEL of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CERTAIN RATE INCREASES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.

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

1   Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 19a-564 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4   (e) An assisted living services agency shall: (1) Ensure that all services
5 being provided on an individual basis to clients are fully understood
6 and agreed upon between either the client or the client's representative;
7 (2) ensure that the client or the client's representative are made aware of
8 the cost of any such services; (3) disclose fee increases to a resident or a
9 resident's representative not later than sixty days prior to such fees
10 taking effect; **[**and**]** (4) <u>if a fee increase exceeds ten per cent of the</u>
11 <u>previous fee, hold a public informational hearing, not later than thirty</u>
12 <u>days prior to such fee increase taking effect, that provides an</u>
13 <u>opportunity for public commentary, including, but not limited to,</u>
14 <u>commentary by residents, residents' representatives, residents' family</u>

15   members, members of the press and any other member of the public;

16   and (5) provide, upon request, to a resident and a resident's

17   representative the history of fee increases over the past three calendar

18   years. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit an assisted

19   living services agency from immediately adjusting fees to the extent

20   such adjustments are directly related to a change in the level of care or

21   services necessary to meet individual resident safety needs at the time

22   of a scheduled resident care meeting or if a resident's change of

23   condition requires a change in services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2025*	19a-564(e)

AGE   *Joint Favorable*

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires assisted living service agencies to hold informational hearings related to certain fee increases, has no fiscal impact to the state.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1175

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SUMMARY

This bill requires assisted living service agencies (ALSAs) to hold a public hearing if any existing fee increases by 10% or more. The hearing must take place at least 30 days before the increase takes effect. The hearing must provide an opportunity for commentary by residents, their representatives or family members, members of the press, or anyone else.

Under existing law, ALSAs must disclose fee increases to residents or their representatives at least 60 days before they take effect. But ALSAs may immediately adjusts fees if (1) they are directly related to a change in the level of care or services necessary to meet the resident's safety needs at the time of a scheduled resident care meeting or (2) the resident's condition changes, resulting in a required change in service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

    Joint Favorable
      Yea   13   Nay   0   (03/04/2025)