



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6985***

LCO No. 5067



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME AND RESIDENTIAL CARE  
HOME ABANDONMENT.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) No nursing home or  
2       residential care home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the  
3       general statutes, shall abandon a nursing home or residential care home  
4       resident. A violation of the requirements of this section shall constitute  
5       a class A violation under section 19a-527 or 19a-527a of the general  
6       statutes, as applicable. For the purposes of this section, "abandon"  
7       means to desert or wilfully forsake a nursing home or residential care  
8       home resident or forego, withdraw or neglect duties and obligations  
9       owed by a nursing home or residential care home to a nursing home or  
10      residential care home resident.

11      Sec. 2. Section 19a-524 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
12      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

13      If, upon review, investigation or inspection pursuant to section 19a-  
14      498, the Commissioner of Public Health determines that a nursing home  
15      facility or residential care home has violated any provision of section

16 17a-876, 19a-491a to 19a-491c, inclusive, 19a-493a, 19a-521 to 19a-529,  
 17 inclusive, 19a-531 to 19a-551, inclusive, [or] 19a-553 to 19a-555,  
 18 inclusive, or section 1 of this act, or any provision of any regulation of  
 19 Connecticut state agencies relating to licensure, the Fire Safety Code or  
 20 the operation or maintenance of a nursing home facility or residential  
 21 care home, which violation has been classified in accordance with  
 22 section 19a-527, the commissioner may immediately issue or cause to be  
 23 issued a citation to the licensee of such nursing home facility or  
 24 residential care home. Governmental immunity shall not be a defense to  
 25 any citation issued or civil penalty imposed pursuant to this section or  
 26 sections 19-525 to 19a-528, inclusive. Each such citation shall be in  
 27 writing, provide notice of the nature and scope of the alleged violation  
 28 or violations, and include, but not be limited to, the citation and notice  
 29 of noncompliance issued in accordance with section 19a-496. Each  
 30 citation and notice of noncompliance issued under this section shall be  
 31 sent to the licensee electronically in a form and manner prescribed by  
 32 the commissioner or by certified mail at the address of the nursing home  
 33 facility or residential care home in issue. A copy of such citation and  
 34 notice of noncompliance shall also be sent to the licensed administrator  
 35 at the address of the nursing home facility or residential care home.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	19a-524

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make abandonment of nursing home or residential care home residents a class A violation.

*[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.]*