

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6986

LCO No. 5071

Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) As used in this section, 2 "senior citizen" means a state resident sixty-five years of age or older. There is established a "Senior Citizens' Bill of Rights". The rights 3 4 afforded to senior citizens, as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, 5 are available only insofar as they are implemented in accordance with 6 other parts of the general statutes, state rules and regulations, federal 7 law, the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United 8 States.

9 (b) Each senior citizen in this state has the right to:

10 (1) Live in the community of their choosing;

(2) Independence to the maximum extent possible no matter the ageor ability of such senior citizen;

13 (3) Participate in care decisions to the maximum extent possible;

14 (4) Live with dignity; and

- (5) Be treated inclusively and with respect, including being accepted
 as their authentic selves, whether or not they identify with any
 community with a history of being marginalized or disempowered.
- (c) Each municipality may post in a public place a notice of the rights
 enumerated under subsection (b) of this section. Each nursing home,
 managed residential community and facility housing elderly persons
 licensed or funded by the state shall post such notice in at least fourteenpoint type at the entrance to such nursing home, managed residential
 community or facility.

This act shall take effect as follows and sh sections:		vs and shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

AGE Joint Favorable