

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

## Raised Bill No. 7183

LCO No. **5915** 

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by: (GOS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AND REPORTS CONCERNING SUCH INSURANCE.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Insurance Department shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and government oversight. Such report shall include an evaluation of an alternative pool for long-term care policyholders in excess of twenty years.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) The Insurance Department 9 shall hold a public hearing for long-term care premium rate increase 10 requests that exceed ten per cent. The Insurance Department shall 11 provide notice of any such hearing electronically to the joint standing 12 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 13 relating to insurance and government oversight not less than fourteen 14 days in advance of such hearing. Any insurance company, fraternal 15 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation 16 or health care center that requests such premium rate increase shall 17 provide each policyholder with advance written notice of the date and

18 time of such hearing not less than fourteen days in advance of such date.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) No insurance company, 20 fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service 21 corporation or health care center may deliver, issue for delivery, renew, 22 continue or amend any long-term care policy in this state on or after 23 January 1, 2026, unless such insurance company, fraternal benefit 24 society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or 25 health care center provides written notice to an individual prior to the 26 purchase of any long-term care policy of the risk of future premium rate 27 increases.

28 Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) In addition to the 29 requirements of sections 38a-501 and 38a-528 of the general statutes, no 30 insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service 31 corporation, medical service corporation or health care center renewing 32 any long-term care policy in this state on or after January 1, 2026, shall 33 implement a premium rate increase that exceeds the most recent 34 calendar year average in the consumer price index for urban consumers, 35 as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor 36 Statistics, provided: (1) Such long-term care policy was initially 37 purchased by the policyholder on or before December 31, 1985; and (2) 38 the policyholder of such long-term care policy has (A) attained the age 39 of eighty, or (B) paid a maximum lifetime premium rate increase of not 40 less than four hundred per cent. For the purposes of this section, "long-41 term care policy" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-501 42 or 38a-528 of the general statutes, as applicable.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Health Strategy shall conduct an evaluation of the provision of long-term care insurance in the state and identify best practices for the regulation of such insurance and areas for improvement in such regulation, including, but not limited to, potential modifications to the rate-filing process of individual and group long-term care premiums established under sections 38a-501 and 38a-528 of the general statutes. Not later than February 1, 2026, the 50 Office of Health Strategy shall prepare and submit a report, in 51 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, 52 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having 53 cognizance of matters relating to insurance and government oversight 54 with the findings of such evaluation and any recommendations for 55 legislation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 3	January 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 4	January 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 5	from passage	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Require the Insurance Department to conduct a study concerning an alternative pool for long-term care policyholders; (2) require a public hearing concerning long-term care premium rate increase requests in excess of ten per cent; (3) require notice to individuals of the risk of longterm care premium rate increases prior to the purchase of any long-term care policy; (4) limit premium rate increases for certain long-term care policies renewed in this state; and (5) require the Office of Health Strategy to report concerning the regulation and rate filing processes of long-term care insurance in the state.

[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.]