



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7183

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE, REPORTS CONCERNING SUCH INSURANCE AND A LIMITED PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2026, the
2 Insurance Department shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance
3 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
4 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5 matters relating to insurance and government oversight. Such report
6 shall include an evaluation of an alternative pool for long-term care
7 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.

43 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
44 Management, through the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care,
45 shall, in conjunction with the Insurance Commissioner and
46 Commissioner of Health Strategy, conduct an evaluation of the
47 provision of long-term care insurance in the state and identify best
48 practices for the regulation of such insurance and areas for
49 improvement in such regulation, including, but not limited to, potential
50 modifications to the rate-filing process of individual and group long-

51 term care premiums established under sections 38a-501 and 38a-528 of
52 the general statutes. Not later than February 1, 2026, the secretary, in
53 conjunction with the Insurance Commissioner and Commissioner of
54 Health Strategy, shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance with
55 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
56 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
57 matters relating to insurance and government oversight with the
58 findings of such evaluation and any recommendations for legislation.

59 Sec. 6. Section 17b-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

61 (a) The Office of Policy and Management shall seek the foundation
62 funds and federal approvals necessary to carry out the purposes of this
63 section and sections 17a-861, 17b-252, 17b-253 and 38a-475.

64 (b) Each year, on January first, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
65 and Management shall report to the General Assembly on the progress
66 of the program. Such report shall include: (1) The success in
67 implementing the public and private partnership; (2) the number of
68 policies precertified; (3) the number, age and financial circumstances of
69 individuals purchasing precertified policies; (4) the number of
70 individuals seeking consumer information services; (5) the extent and
71 type of benefits paid under precertified policies that could count toward
72 Medicaid resource protection; (6) estimates of impact on present and
73 future Medicaid expenditures; (7) the cost effectiveness of the program;
74 and (8) a determination regarding the appropriateness of continuing the
75 program.

76 (c) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall perform a limited
77 performance audit of the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care
78 not less than biennially. As used in this subsection, a "limited
79 performance audit" means (1) an audit pursuant to an engagement
80 agreement between the joint standing committee of the General
81 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
82 the auditors that includes specific procedures for reviewing

83 transactions, testing controls, analyzing data and any other tasks
84 specified in the engagement agreement, and (2) the report of the
85 auditors is limited to the results of the procedures performed and does
86 not include a formal opinion as to whether the audited entity's financial
87 statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting
88 standards.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-254

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 6(c), "Long-Term Care Partnership" was changed to "Partnership for Long-Term Care" for accuracy.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst.*