



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 7183***

*January Session, 2025*



### ***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

**GOS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**INS**      *Joint Favorable*