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Public Act No. 25-15

**AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS MEASURES RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF VETERANS AND
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (118) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (118) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of each year to be Veterans' Month in recognition of the service and sacrifice of individuals who have served in the armed forces to protect the United States and the state of Connecticut. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

Sec. 2. Section 14-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any veteran or member of the armed forces or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member, shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates commemorating such veteran's or member's military service for each such motor vehicle,

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including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any such veteran or member of the armed forces, or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member, who is engaged in agricultural production as a trade or business.

(2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any woman veteran or woman member of the armed forces, shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates commemorating such woman veteran's or woman member's military service for each such motor vehicle, including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any such woman veteran or woman member of the armed forces who is engaged in agricultural production as a trade or business.

(3) The plates provided for under this subsection shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle. The commissioner shall charge a fee of fifteen dollars to replace such plates that become mutilated or illegible. Any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged shall return such plates to the commissioner not later than thirty days after such discharge. The commissioner shall not renew such plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged.

(b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any person who was a member of the Hmong Laotian special guerilla units, which units served in the United States secret war in the Kingdom of Laos during the Vietnam War, or any person who is an eligible former reservist, or the surviving spouse of any such person, and after

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verification from the Department of Veterans Affairs as provided under subdivision (2) or (3) [, as applicable,] of this subsection, as applicable, shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates commemorating such person's military service for each such motor vehicle, including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any such person, or the surviving spouse of such person, who is engaged in agricultural production as a trade or business. The plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle.

(2) Any person who was a member of the Hmong Laotian special guerilla units, or the surviving spouse of such person, may submit a request to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be listed as a veteran, based on such person's service during the Vietnam War, for the purpose of obtaining a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates under subdivision (1) of this subsection. Such person, or the surviving spouse of such person, shall provide to said department (A) an affidavit stating (i) when such person served, (ii) where such person served, (iii) the unit in which such person served, and (iv) the capacity in which such person served; (B) any available corroborating witness affidavits; (C) any available official documentation of service; and (D) any other documents supporting such person's or such surviving spouse's affidavit. Said department shall, not later than thirty days after receipt of such request, verify whether such person was a member of the Hmong Laotian special guerilla units and, if so verified, notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such request and verification.

(3) (A) Any person who is an eligible former reservist, or the

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surviving spouse of such person, may submit a request to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be listed as a veteran, based on such person's service in a reserve component of the armed forces, for the purpose of obtaining a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates under subdivision (1) of this subsection. Such person, or the surviving spouse of such person, shall provide to said department all available official documentation of such service. Said department shall, not later than thirty days after receipt of such request, verify such person's service and, if so verified, notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such request and verification.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, neither the issuance of such registration and number plates to a person by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles nor the listing of such person as a veteran by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall constitute proof of such person's eligibility for any other benefit available to veterans.

(c) As used in this section, "eligible former reservist" means any person honorably discharged from, released under honorable conditions from or released with an other than honorable discharge based on a qualifying condition from, the United States Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard; and "veteran", "armed forces" and "qualifying condition" have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) On and after January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue commemorative number plates in recognition of the primarily Puerto Rican members of the Sixty-Fifth Infantry Regiment of the United States Army who served with distinction and were known as "The Borinqueneers". The design of the number plates shall be determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in consultation with Hispanic-American Veterans of

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Connecticut, Inc. No use shall be made of such plates, except as official registration marker plates.

(b) A fee of sixty dollars shall be charged for "The Borinqueneers" commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates, and forty-five dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account to be used by Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. for the purposes of subsection (c) of this section. No additional fee shall be charged in connection with the renewal of such number plates. No transfer fee shall be charged for the transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration with "The Borinqueneers" commemorative number plates. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for number plates: (1) Which contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number plate; (2) which contain letters in place of numbers, as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section; and (3) which are low number plates, issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section. All fees established and collected pursuant to this section, except the amount deposited in the account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the "Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut" commemorative account, established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of "The Borinqueneers" commemorative number plates.

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(c) There is established the "Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut" commemorative account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in said account shall be used by Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. to provide bilingual services and assistance to Connecticut veterans and members of the armed forces. Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. may receive private donations to said account and any such donations shall be deposited in said account.

(d) The funds in the account shall be distributed quarterly by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc.

Sec. 4. Section 14-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish (1) standards for the issuance of a special certificate of registration and special number plates to a member of an organization which qualifies for issuance, (2) qualifications of organizations whose members wish to apply for such special registrations, (3) procedures for application for such special registration, and (4) a fee for such special number plates which shall cover at least the entire cost of making the plates and which shall be in addition to the fee for registration of the motor vehicle. The regulations shall provide that a labor union shall be a qualifying organization.

(b) The Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Board of Regents for Higher Education, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of collegiate special number plates with the logos or emblems of Connecticut public and independent institutions of higher

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education.

(c) On or after July 1, 2004, the commissioner may issue special certificates of registration and special number plates in accordance with the regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section provided the commissioner may not issue a set of special number plates bearing the same numerals as any other plate issued by the department. The commissioner may discontinue the issuance of any such special number plates issued for a qualified organization, or special plates issued in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-19b and 14-21f to 14-21p, inclusive, at any time, upon written notice to the organization if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the demand for such plates is insufficient to support the costs of production.

(d) Any veteran or member of the armed forces, as those terms are defined in section 27-103, who is issued, on or after July 1, 2025, a number plate recognizing the Military Order of the Purple Heart pursuant to any regulation adopted under subsection (a) of this section, and who paid a charge to join as a member of a chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in order to obtain such number plate, may apply to the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, in a form and a manner prescribed by said commissioner, for reimbursement of such membership charge from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Not later than sixty days after receipt of any such application, said commissioner shall notify such veteran or member of the armed forces of a decision on such application and, if approved, provide such reimbursement.

Sec. 5. Section 14-11k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) As used in this section, "veteran" means a veteran, as defined in section 14-36h, who has verification from the Department of Veteran Affairs that such person or member is a veteran.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-1h, subsection (a) of section 14-41 and subsection (a) of section 14-50a concerning fees, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [may] shall waive the fee for a motor vehicle operator's license or an identity card renewal or duplication for any applicant who is a veteran while attending a one-day event that offers services, supplies or assistance to veterans and is hosted by the Department of Veteran Affairs. For any such renewal application made earlier than six months prior to the date on which an applicant's motor vehicle operator's license or identity card expires, the commissioner shall issue to such applicant a voucher entitling such applicant to renewal of such applicant's motor vehicle operator's license or identity card, free of charge, during such six-month period.

Sec. 6. Section 27-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) The Adjutant General shall make such returns and reports to such officers as may be prescribed by the United States Department of Defense in regulations pertaining to the National Guard, at such times and in such form as prescribed. The Adjutant General shall (1) keep the service records of all officers and enlisted personnel, (2) issue authorized service medals, ribbons and documents, including under subsection (h) of this section and part VII of this chapter, (3) (A) generate and maintain all records and documents required by state law or regulations thereunder, and (B) process requests for such records pursuant to the state Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and (4) (A) generate and maintain all records and documents required by federal law or regulations thereunder, and (B) process requests for such records pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act of 1976, 5 USC 552, as amended from time to time.

(b) The Adjutant General is charged, in all matters pertaining to the command, discipline, employment and administration of the armed forces of the state, with the duty of: (1) Recording, authenticating and

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communicating to members of the armed forces of the state all orders, instructions and regulations issued by order of (A) the Governor or the Adjutant General as the designee of the Governor, for the armed forces of the state, and (B) the Secretary of Defense for the National Guard; (2) preparing and distributing commissions; (3) compiling and issuing the registers of the armed forces of the state; (4) conducting internal audits and investigations; (5) organizing and coordinating the participation of the armed forces of the state in military and civic ceremonies; (6) organizing and coordinating inaugurals; and (7) managing the recruiting for the armed forces of the state.

(c) In event of emergency use of the armed forces of the state and with the approval of the Governor, the Adjutant General may serve as the disbursing officer of all funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the expense of the office of the Adjutant General.

(d) The Adjutant General may adopt regulations pertaining to the preparation and rendering of reports and returns, the care and preservation of military property and the administration of military personnel as in the Adjutant General's opinion the conditions demand, such regulations to be operative and in force when promulgated in the form of general orders, circulars or circular letters.

(e) The Adjutant General shall have charge and care of all state military property and all United States military property issued to the state, and shall keep an accurate and careful account of all receipts and issues of the same. The Adjutant General shall keep a record of all public property in the state in the possession of the armed forces of the state and shall guard such property against injury and loss to the greatest extent possible. The Adjutant General shall conduct annual inspections of all public property and keep a complete inventory of such property and the places where it is deposited. The Adjutant General shall require each accountable and responsible officer of the armed forces of the state to account for any deficiency in public property in such officer's

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possession upon discovery of such deficiency. The Adjutant General shall require each unit of the armed forces of the state to be inspected at least once each calendar year. The Adjutant General shall, annually, as provided in section 4-60, make a report to the Governor of the strength, condition and equipment of the armed forces of the state and of the expenditures of the office since the last annual report.

(f) The Adjutant General may adopt a seal for use in the office of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General may delegate duties to an Assistant Adjutant General or to Military Department officials as the Adjutant General deems necessary for the efficient operation of said department.

(g) The Adjutant General may enter into contracts or agreements with any person or agency, public or private, for goods, services or property necessary for execution of the duties of the Adjutant General's office and the operation of the Military Department, including the performance of federal construction contracting on state property, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

(h) The Adjutant General may, within available appropriations, (1) establish awards or ribbons for issuance to members of the armed forces of the state, and (2) remove any such awards or ribbons as have been so established on or after July 1, 2025. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the Adjutant General to remove any state military award, ribbon or other honor or decoration established by the Adjutant General prior to July 1, 2025, or by the General Assembly, including under part VII of this chapter.

Sec. 7. Subparagraph (E) of subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of section 10-76d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(E) (i) Each local and regional board of education shall have in effect

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at the beginning of each school year an educational program for each child or pupil who has been identified as eligible for special education, and shall provide [(i)] (I) the informational handout described in section 10-74v to each child with an individualized education program or plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and [(ii)] (II) the Parent's Guide to Special Education in Connecticut developed by the Department of Education and the rights and resources available to such child in the provision of special education and related services.

(ii) If, after the start of a school year, a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, enrolls in a school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education, as a result of such member having received military orders directing such member to the state or any other documents from the armed forces indicating the transfer of such member to the state, and such child enrolls with an individualized education program or plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 from such child's prior school, such board shall take necessary steps, including, but not limited to, the transfer of any records and prior evaluations, the performance of any reevaluations and, not later than thirty school days after such child's enrollment, the holding of any planning and placement team meeting or meeting to establish a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for such child, to ensure a minimally disruptive transition to the provision of comparable services.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-186 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) Each local or regional board of education shall furnish, by transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child five years of age and over and under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or technical education and career school may attend public school, except as provided in section 10-233c and

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subsection (d) of section 10-233d. For purposes of establishing the residency of a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, and who is seeking enrollment in a school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education for a town in which such child is not yet a resident, such board shall accept the military orders directing such member to the state or any other documents from the armed forces indicating the transfer of such member to the state as proof of residency. If a child of a member of the armed forces is enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education for a town, and such member has received military orders directing such member from such town or any other documents from the armed forces indicating a change of residency from such town during the school year, such child may continue to be enrolled in such school until the end of the school year while such member remains a member of the armed forces, except that any such child in grade eleven may continue to be enrolled in such school for an additional school year while such member remains a member of the armed forces. Any board of education which denies school accommodations, including a denial based on an issue of residency, to any such child shall inform the parent or guardian of such child or the child, in the case of an emancipated minor, a pupil eighteen years of age or older or an unaccompanied youth, as described in 42 USC 11434a, as amended from time to time, of his or her right to request a hearing by the board of education in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. A board of education which has denied school accommodations shall advise the board of education under whose jurisdiction it claims such child should be attending school of the denial. For purposes of this section, (1) a "parent or guardian" shall include a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to section 10-94g, and (2) a child residing in a dwelling located in more than one town in this state shall be considered a resident of each town in which the dwelling is located and may attend school in any one of such towns. For purposes of this subsection, "dwelling" means a single, two or three-family house or a

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condominium unit.

Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall conduct an evaluation of the provision of dental services to veterans in the state and identify areas for improvement in such provision, including, but not limited to, opportunities to expand veteran access to such dental services and increase enrollment in the dental insurance program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Not later than February 1, 2026, the commissioner shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs with the findings of such evaluation and any recommendations for legislation. As used in this section, "veteran" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

Sec. 10. Section 19a-533 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) As used in this section: [(1) "nursing home"]

(1) "Nursing home" means any chronic and convalescent facility or any rest home with nursing supervision, as defined in section 19a-521, which has a provider agreement with the state to provide services to recipients of funds obtained through Title XIX of the Social Security Amendments of 1965; [and (2) "indigent person"]

(2) "Indigent person" means any person who is eligible for or who is receiving medical assistance benefits from the state;

(3) "Federally contracted veterans nursing home" means a nursing home that has a contract with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to provide care for veterans; and

(4) "Service-connected veteran" means a veteran who meets the

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United States Department of Veterans Affairs service-connected eligibility criteria and all applicable United States Department of Veterans Affairs eligibility requirements.

(b) A nursing home which receives payment from the state for rendering care to indigent persons:

(1) Shall be prohibited from discriminating against indigent persons who apply for admission to such facility on the basis of source of payment. Except as otherwise provided by law, all applicants for admission to such facility shall be admitted in the order in which such applicants apply for admission as evidenced by the nursing home's acceptance of a substantially completed application for admission. Each nursing home shall (A) provide a receipt to each applicant who substantially completes an application for admission to its facility who requests placement on a waiting list stating the date and time of such substantial completion and acceptance of the application by the nursing home, and (B) maintain a dated list of such applications which shall be available at all times to any applicant, the applicant's bona fide representative, authorized personnel from the Departments of Public Health and Social Services and such other state agencies or other bodies established by state statute whose statutory duties necessitate access to such lists. A nursing home may maintain such waiting list in electronic form. On and after July 1, 2025, a nursing home shall maintain such waiting list in electronic form;

(2) Shall provide applications for admission to prospective residents by mail, electronic transmission or Internet web site posting;

(3) Shall develop and implement policies and procedures related to the waiting list that address (A) what information is required for such application to be considered substantially completed and accepted by the nursing home, (B) what steps the nursing home will take to protect the privacy of information submitted by a prospective resident, and (C)

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a description of how the integrity of information in the electronic waiting list will be maintained, including steps taken to ensure accuracy in recording of the (i) date and time a prospective resident is placed on the waiting list, and (ii) any dated notification made pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. A nursing home shall not be required to maintain a list of inquiries from prospective residents who have not yet submitted a substantially completed application for admission accepted by the nursing home, nor to provide any such person with a receipt of their inquiry;

(4) May, no sooner than ninety days after initial placement of the person's name on the waiting list, inquire by letter or electronic mail of such applicant and any one person if designated by such applicant whether the applicant desires continuation of the applicant's name on the waiting list. If the applicant does not respond and an additional thirty days pass, the nursing home may remove such applicant's name from its waiting list. A nursing home may annually send a waiting list placement continuation communication by letter or electronic mail to all persons on the waiting list for at least ninety days to inquire as to whether such person desires continuation of the person's name on the waiting list, provided such communication shall also be sent to any one person if designated by such applicant. If such person does not respond and at least thirty days pass, the facility may remove the person's name from its waiting list. Indigent persons shall be placed on any waiting list for admission to a facility and shall be admitted to the facility as vacancies become available, in the same manner as self-pay applicants, except as provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section;

(5) Shall post in a conspicuous place a notice informing applicants for admission that the facility is prohibited by statute from discriminating against indigent applicants for admission on the basis of source of payment. Such notice shall advise applicants for admission of the remedies available under this section and shall list the name, address

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and telephone number of the ombudsman who serves the region in which the facility is located;

(6) Shall be prohibited from requiring that an indigent person pay any sum of money or furnish any other consideration, including but not limited to, the furnishing of an agreement by the relative, conservator or other responsible party of an indigent person which obligates such party to pay for care rendered to an indigent person as a condition for admission of such indigent person; and

(7) Shall maintain an electronic record of the number of patients who are Medicare, Medicaid and private pay patients and make such information available, upon request, to the state or regional ombudsman.

(c) Whenever a nursing home passes over the name of an applicant on its waiting list and admits another applicant, the nursing home shall make a dated notation on the waiting list indicating why the applicant who was passed over was not admitted. Upon the receipt of a complaint concerning a violation of this section, the Department of Social Services shall conduct an investigation into such complaint. A nursing home shall provide access to the department and the State Ombudsman to all records requested by the department or State Ombudsman for the purpose of investigating a complaint by or on behalf of an applicant related to the denial of an admission.

(d) The Department of Social Services is authorized to decrease the daily reimbursement rate to a nursing home for one year for a violation of this section which occurred during the twelve-month period covered by the cost report upon which the per diem rate is calculated. The per diem rate shall be reduced by one-quarter of one per cent for an initial violation of this section and one per cent for each additional violation.

(e) Prior to imposing any sanction, the Department of Social Services

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shall notify the nursing home of the alleged violation and the accompanying sanction, and shall permit such facility to request an administrative hearing, in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-181a, inclusive. A facility shall request such hearing within fifteen days of receipt of the notice of violation from the Department of Social Services. The department shall stay the imposition of any sanction pending the outcome of the administrative hearing.

(f) A nursing home with a number of self-pay residents equal to or less than thirty per cent of its total number of residents shall not be required to admit an indigent person on a waiting list for admission when a vacancy becomes available during the subsequent six months, provided (1) no bed may be held open for more than thirty days, and (2) the nursing home notifies the Commissioner of Social Services and the regional nursing home ombudsman office on the date on which such six-month period of waiting list exemption began and thereafter on a quarterly basis if the conditions for exemption still apply.

(g) A nursing home shall not be required to admit an indigent person on a waiting list for admission when a vacancy becomes available if the vacancy is in a private room.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a nursing home shall, without regard to the order of its waiting list, admit an applicant who (1) seeks to transfer from a nursing home that is closing, [or] (2) seeks to transfer from a nursing home in which the applicant was placed following the closure of the nursing home where such applicant previously resided or, in the case of a nursing home placed in receivership, the anticipated closure of the nursing home where such applicant previously resided, provided (A) the transfer occurs not later than sixty days following the date that such applicant was transferred from the nursing home where he or she previously resided, and (B) except when the nursing home that is closing transferred the resident due to an emergency, the applicant submitted an application to the

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nursing home to which he or she seeks admission at the time of the applicant's transfer from the nursing home where he or she previously resided, or (3) is a service-connected veteran if such nursing home is a federally contracted veterans nursing home and such applicant is eligible for care therein. A nursing home that qualifies for a waiting list exemption pursuant to subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall not be required to admit an indigent person under this subsection except when the resident is being transferred from a nursing home that is closing due to an emergency. No nursing home shall be required to admit an applicant pursuant to the provisions of this subsection if the nursing home has determined that (i) the applicant does not have a payor source because the applicant has been denied Medicaid eligibility or the applicant has failed to pay a nursing home that is closing for the three months preceding the date of the application for admittance and has no pending application for Medicaid, (ii) the applicant is subject to a Medicaid penalty period, or (iii) the applicant does not require nursing home level of care as determined in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Governor's Action:

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