

General Assembly

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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6913** 

File No. 148

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"AN ACT CONCERNING LGBTQ+ DISCRIMINATION IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the 2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Long-term care facility" or "facility" means a nursing home
facility, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, or a
managed residential community, as defined in section 19a-693 of the
general statutes, with assisted living services regulated by the
Department of Public Health;

9 (2) "Long-term care facility staff" or "facility staff" means all persons 10 employed by or contracted directly with a long-term care facility; and 11 (3) "Resident" means a resident or patient of a long-term care facility.

(b) (1) No long-term care facility or long-term care facility staff shall
discriminate against any resident on the basis of such resident's race,
color, religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual
orientation, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual
disability, mental disability, learning disability, physical disability,
status as a veteran or status as a victim of domestic violence.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the extent that
they are incompatible with any professionally reasonable clinical
judgment regarding the care of a resident.

21 (c) Each long-term care facility shall post in a prominent place in such 22 facility the following notice printed in at least fourteen-point boldface 23 capital letters: "(NAME OF FACILITY) DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE 24 AND DOES NOT PERMIT DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING, BUT 25 NOT LIMITED TO, BULLYING, ABUSE, HARASSMENT OR 26 DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, 27 RELIGIOUS CREED, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, 28 SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, AGE, NATIONAL 29 ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, MENTAL 30 DISABILITY, LEARNING DISABILITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, 31 STATUS AS A VETERAN OR STATUS AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC 32 VIOLENCE. YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF 33 THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN (PROVIDE CONTACT 34 INFORMATION) IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED 35 DISCRIMINATION."

36 (d) The State Ombudsman shall establish policies and procedures for
37 recording complaints filed by or on behalf of residents of long-term care
38 facilities pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(e) If the Commissioner of Public Health finds that a long-term care
facility has failed to comply with the provisions of this section, the
commissioner may take any disciplinary action against such long-term

## 42 care facility permitted under section 19a-494 of the general statutes."

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

Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section