



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 330**

LCO No. 1893



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT COMPENSATING SPOUSES FOR STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 17b-342 of the 2026 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4 (i) (1) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
5 appropriations, administer a state-funded portion of the Connecticut  
6 home-care program for the elderly for persons (A) who are sixty-five  
7 years of age and older and are not eligible for Medicaid; (B) who are  
8 inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate  
9 institutionalization; (C) whose income is less than or equal to the  
10 amount allowed for a person who would be eligible for medical  
11 assistance if residing in a nursing facility; and (D) whose assets, if single,  
12 do not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the federal minimum  
13 community spouse protected amount pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2)  
14 or, if married, the couple's assets do not exceed two hundred per cent of  
15 said community spouse protected amount. For program applications

16 received by the Department of Social Services for the fiscal years ending  
17 June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, only persons who require the level of  
18 care provided in a nursing home shall be eligible for the state-funded  
19 portion of the program, except for persons residing in affordable  
20 housing under the assisted living demonstration project established  
21 pursuant to section 17b-347e who are otherwise eligible in accordance  
22 with this section.

23 (2) Except for persons residing in affordable housing under the  
24 assisted living demonstration project established pursuant to section  
25 17b-347e, as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, any person  
26 whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty  
27 level and who is ineligible for Medicaid shall contribute three per cent  
28 of the cost of his or her care. Any person whose income exceeds two  
29 hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall contribute three per  
30 cent of the cost of his or her care in addition to the amount of applied  
31 income determined in accordance with the methodology established by  
32 the Department of Social Services for recipients of medical assistance.  
33 Any person who does not contribute to the cost of care in accordance  
34 with this subdivision shall be ineligible to receive services under this  
35 subsection. Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-  
36 61, the department shall not be required to provide an administrative  
37 hearing to a person found ineligible for services under this subsection  
38 because of a failure to contribute to the cost of care.

39 (3) Any person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted  
40 living demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e,  
41 and whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal  
42 poverty level, shall not be required to contribute to the cost of care. Any  
43 person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted living  
44 demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e, and  
45 whose income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty  
46 level, shall contribute to the applied income amount determined in  
47 accordance with the methodology established by the Department of  
48 Social Services for recipients of medical assistance. Any person whose

49 income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and  
50 who does not contribute to the cost of care in accordance with this  
51 subdivision shall be ineligible to receive services under this subsection.  
52 Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61, the  
53 department shall not be required to provide an administrative hearing  
54 to a person found ineligible for services under this subsection because  
55 of a failure to contribute to the cost of care.

56 (4) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under  
57 the state-funded portion of the program shall not exceed fifty per cent  
58 of the weighted average cost of care in nursing homes in the state, except  
59 an individual who received services costing in excess of such amount  
60 under the Department of Social Services in the fiscal year ending June  
61 30, 1992, may continue to receive such services, provided the annualized  
62 cost of such services does not exceed eighty per cent of the weighted  
63 average cost of such nursing home care. The commissioner may allow  
64 the cost of services provided to an individual to exceed the maximum  
65 cost established pursuant to this subdivision in a case of extreme  
66 hardship, as determined by the commissioner, provided in no case shall  
67 such cost exceed that of the weighted cost of such nursing home care.

68 (5) A person who provides personal care assistance to an individual  
69 enrolled in the state-funded portion of the program, including a spouse  
70 of such individual, may be compensated for such assistance. The  
71 Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe training and  
72 documentation requirements for such person to receive compensation  
73 under the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	17b-342(i)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To authorize payment to spouses and others who provide care under the state-funded portion of the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

*[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.]*