



Substitute House Bill No. 5421

Public Act No. 26-36

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE PATIENT LIFTS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE OFFICES AND FACILITIES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the "health care facility patient lift account". The account shall contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the state for the purposes of this section, (2) any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, and (3) gifts, grants, donations or bequests made for the purposes of this section. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the account shall become part of the assets of the account. The State Treasurer shall administer the account.

(b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the Department of Public Health for the purposes of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health may deduct and retain from the moneys in the account an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department in administering the provisions of this section, except said amount shall not exceed two per cent of the balance of the account in any fiscal year.

(c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall use the health care facility patient lift account to make grants to offices of a practice of one

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or more physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, radiological facilities, imaging centers or health care facilities, as defined in section 19a-490dd of the general statutes, to purchase patient lifts to be used to transfer elderly persons, persons with disabilities or persons with injuries or chronic health conditions from facility beds to wheelchairs or other equipment. The commissioner shall not make any grant that exceeds the balance available for grants in the account.