



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5850

LCO No. 5483



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE ANIMALS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state shall provide coverage for the purchase of a
6 service animal that the insured's treating health care provider certifies,
7 in writing, is medically necessary. For the purposes of this section,
8 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 36.104,
9 as amended from time to time.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) Each group health insurance
11 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
12 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
13 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall
14 provide coverage for the purchase of a service animal that the
15 insured's treating health care provider certifies, in writing, is medically
16 necessary. For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the

17 same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 36.104, as amended from time to
18 time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for the purchase of service animals.

[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.]

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