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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY NURSING HOME RESIDENTS TO  
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) For purposes of this section,  
2 "provider of public transportation" means any motor bus, taxicab or  
3 motor vehicle in livery service regulated by the Commissioner of  
4 Transportation pursuant to title 13b of the general statutes or any  
5 municipally operated vehicle that serves elderly persons or persons  
6 with disabilities. No provider of public transportation with a route  
7 serving an area that includes a nursing home, as defined in section 19a-  
8 490 of the general statutes, shall refuse to provide a resident of a  
9 nursing home with transportation or limit destination choices within  
10 their routes for such resident, provided (1) the nursing home resident  
11 provides a current certification signed by a health care professional  
12 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes that travel  
13 outside of the nursing home is not medically contraindicated for the  
14 resident, (2) the provider of public transportation has a vehicle  
15 equipped to serve the transportation needs of nursing home residents  
16 with physical disabilities, and (3) the nursing home resident pays any

17 reasonable fare set by the provider of public transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow nursing home residents equal access to public transportation services in order to achieve equal and inclusive community participation of such residents and prevent discrimination based on nursing home residency status.

*[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.]*