General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 7183

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LCO No. **5915**

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AND REPORTS CONCERNING SUCH INSURANCE.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Insurance Department shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and government oversight. Such report shall include an evaluation of an alternative pool for long-term care policyholders in excess of twenty years.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) The Insurance Department shall hold a public hearing for long-term care premium rate increase requests that exceed ten per cent. The Insurance Department shall provide notice of any such hearing electronically to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and government oversight not less than fourteen days in advance of such hearing. Any insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that requests such premium rate increase shall provide each policyholder with advance written notice of the date and

time of such hearing not less than fourteen days in advance of such date.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) No insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center may deliver, issue for delivery, renew, continue or amend any long-term care policy in this state on or after January 1, 2026, unless such insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center provides written notice to an individual prior to the purchase of any long-term care policy of the risk of future premium rate increases.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) In addition to the requirements of sections 38a-501 and 38a-528 of the general statutes, no insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center renewing any long-term care policy in this state on or after January 1, 2026, shall implement a premium rate increase that exceeds the most recent calendar year average in the consumer price index for urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, provided: (1) Such long-term care policy was initially purchased by the policyholder on or before December 31, 1985; and (2) the policyholder of such long-term care policy has (A) attained the age of eighty, or (B) paid a maximum lifetime premium rate increase of not less than four hundred per cent. For the purposes of this section, "long-term care policy" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-501 or 38a-528 of the general statutes, as applicable.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Health Strategy shall conduct an evaluation of the provision of long-term care insurance in the state and identify best practices for the regulation of such insurance and areas for improvement in such regulation, including, but not limited to, potential modifications to the rate-filing process of individual and group long-term care premiums established under sections 38a-501 and 38a-528 of the general statutes. Not later than February 1, 2026, the

Office of Health Strategy shall prepare and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and government oversight with the findings of such evaluation and any recommendations for legislation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section
Sec. 2	*January 1, 2026*	New section
Sec. 3	*January 1, 2026*	New section
Sec. 4	*January 1, 2026*	New section
Sec. 5	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Require the Insurance Department to conduct a study concerning an alternative pool for long-term care policyholders; (2) require a public hearing concerning long-term care premium rate increase requests in excess of ten per cent; (3) require notice to individuals of the risk of long-term care premium rate increases prior to the purchase of any long-term care policy; (4) limit premium rate increases for certain long-term care policies renewed in this state; and (5) require the Office of Health Strategy to report concerning the regulation and rate filing processes of long-term care insurance in the state.

[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.]