



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5421

LCO No. 1803



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE DURABLE
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.***

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

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

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

16 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall use the health care
17 facility durable medical equipment account to make grants to health
18 care facilities, as defined in section 19a-490dd of the general statutes, to
19 purchase durable medical equipment to be used by elderly persons or
20 persons with disabilities. The commissioner shall not make any grant
21 that exceeds the balance available for grants in the account. For
22 purposes of this section, "durable medical equipment" means
23 equipment that is used to assist persons with disabilities, injuries or
24 chronic health conditions in performing tasks or achieving greater
25 functional independence and includes items such as wheelchairs,
26 scooters, canes, walkers, crutches, commode chairs, hospital beds and
27 patient lifts.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The sum of one million dollars is
29 appropriated to the Department of Public Health from the General
30 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of issuing
31 grants pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an account to assist health care facilities in purchasing durable medical equipment.

[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.]