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Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) on S.B. No. 281 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MEANS OF ENCOURAGING MORE NURSING HOMES IN THE STATE TO CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

The Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL), a trade association of skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities, appreciates this opportunity to submit written testimony providing general comments in support of S.B. No. 281 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MEANS OF ENCOURAGING MORE NURSING HOMES IN THE STATE TO CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

This proposed bill would establish a task force to study available means of encouraging nursing homes in the state to become federally contracted veterans nursing homes and increase the availability of nursing home care to veterans eligible for and in need of such care. The task force, if the bill is adopted, must consider financial incentives, including, but not limited to, assistance to supplement reimbursement for such care and tax credits, and other manners of promoting such nursing homes to veterans eligible for care that is covered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Should the Veterans' and Military Affairs move forward with this legislation, we urge the committee to adopt a substitute version of the bill naming representatives of the Connecticut nursing home sector to the task force. CAHCF/CCAL would welcome the opportunity to participate as a member of the task force.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit general comments in support of the bill and to request substitute language be adopted naming representatives of Connecticut nursing homes to the task force.

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