

**CDR-CT is tracking the following 2025 Bills in the CT General Assembly. For more information, contact Jim McCollum at [Advocacy@cdr-ct.org](mailto:Advocacy@cdr-ct.org).**

**H.B. 7106: An act concerning recommendations of an advisory council on wheelchair repair.** This bill requires authorized wheelchair dealers in Connecticut to respond to consumer requests for repairs within one day, and to provide these repairs within ten business days. The ten business days includes the time needed to obtain parts, and requires companies to perform emergency repairs at night and on weekends. It requires dealers to employ staffs needed to meet these requirements, and to perform them at the consumer's home upon request.

**S.B. 1251: an act implementing the governor's recommendations concerning a driver training program for persons wit disabilities, legislative oversight of Medicaid state plan amendments, and penalties for violating timely wheelchair repair standards.** In this bill, a wheelchair dealer's failure to comply with acceptable repair standards would be a Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUFPA) violation. The bill defines systemic noncompliance as failing to meet standards more than five percent of the time.

**H.B. 5479: An act concerning funding for the Encompass transportation program serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.** Encompass is a collaboration between the M7 taxi cab company and the Greater Hartford and Greater New Haven transit districts, providing on demand, low cost transportation to elderly and disabled individuals. The program is partially funded by the Federal Transit Administration, and it is uncertain how much, if any, of this federal funding will

continue. H.B. 5479 would have appropriated state funds to fill the gap, but there has been no visible activity with this bill since it was referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations in late January.

**H.B. 6911: An act concerning asset limits for Husky C beneficiaries.** This would increase the Husky C asset limits for a single person from \$1,600 to \$10,000, and for married persons from \$2,400 to \$15,000.

**S.B. 807: An act concerning the elimination of asset limits for Husky C beneficiaries over a five year period.** This bill would raise asset limits, as would H.B. 6911, but would eventually eliminate them. The bill would also allow a beneficiary to spend down income that would exceed Husky C income limits on incurred medical bills in accordance with federal Medicaid regulations on spend-downs.

**S.B. 981: An act expanding Medicaid eligibility for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.** This bill would exclude certain forms of income from being considered when determining eligibility for Medicaid. For example, a disabled adult may qualify for social security based on a parent's earning record. This income would not be considered in determining eligibility for Husky C, so it would not bring the person above the Husky C income limit.

**H.B. 6165: An act concerning the use of supported decision-making agreements in lieu of conservatorships or guardianships for disabled adults.** This bill would have provided disabled adults and their families with the option of using supported decision-making agreements as an alternative to conservatorships or guardianships, which would give disabled individuals and family members more authority in making decisions about the disabled person's welfare. This bill died in

the Judiciary Committee, despite the efforts of several organizations that advocate for the disabled.

**S.B. 714: An act restoring service on the Shoreline East rail line.** This bill would require the Department of Transportation to fully restore service on the Shoreline East rail line, between New Haven and New London. This would be beneficial to disabled consumers in traveling to and from the greater New Haven area.