

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 543-FN, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator David Rochefort for the committee.

This bill establishes provisional eligibility for Medicaid nursing facility services as part of the long-term care application process and makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for this purpose. This bill reflects an ongoing effort to help nursing homes serving Medicaid-eligible patients while their applications are pending. A committee amendment has been adopted to make a technical correction and reduce the appropriation.