



FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 131-FN-A**, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, 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 revolving fund will help alleviate the financial burden on nursing homes and the long-term care health system as a whole by making sure those applying for Medicaid nursing facility services are paid for while their applications are pending.