



*Written Testimony before the Judiciary Committee
Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner
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The Department of Social Services appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding **S.B. 470, AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF ELDER LAW.**

This proposal restricts the practice of elder law in the State of Connecticut to attorneys admitted to the bar.

The Department of Social Services has no concerns with the intent of this legislation, but is worried that the language could result in an unintended consequence that would limit Department staff from providing basic information to a Medicaid applicant or recipient of long-term services and supports. To this end, the Department is respectfully requesting the amendment below to clarify that current state employees would be excluded from the provisions of this bill as long as they are acting within the capacity of their employment.

At the end of line 60 please add: “Subdivision 8 of this subsection shall not apply to an employee of a state agency acting within the scope of his or her employment.”

The Department thanks the Judiciary Committee for their review and consideration of this change.