

A7502 Gottfried Same as [S 5346](#) HANNON

Social Services Law

TITLE....Relates to the use of EQUAL program funds for adult care facilities

05/13/15 referred to health

05/19/15 reported referred to ways and means

06/02/15 reported referred to rules

06/09/15 reported

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06/10/15 REFERRED TO HEALTH

06/10/15 SUBSTITUTED FOR S5346

06/10/15 PASSED SENATE

06/10/15 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

10/14/15 delivered to governor

10/26/15 vetoed memo.211

10/26/15 tabled

VETO MESSAGE - No. 211

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 7502, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the use of
EQUAL program funds for adult care facilities"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would authorize adult home operators to use Enhancing the Quality of Adult Living (EQUAL) funding for expenses that were incurred prior to the receipt of EQUAL funds.

The purpose of EQUAL funding is to enhance the quality of life for residents of adult homes. Recent changes in the law furthered this goal by requiring the facility to submit an attestation from the residents stating that the adult home's application for funds reflects their priorities. Additionally, adult homes are now prohibited from seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the State approving the use of EQUAL funds for such expenses. As this bill would eliminate this safeguard against retroactive payments, I am therefore constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
