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## **REP. ROSE STANDS WITH SENIORS**

**State Representative Kim Rose** (D-Milford) today lauded passage of two bills she has sponsored that will offer more protections for seniors and patients in nursing homes.

SB #161 will require the Department of Public Health to include a statement in the application process that attests to the commitment of quality of care that is expected from nursing home licensees, and acknowledges that facility administrators will held liable for any abuse or neglect of residents.

"Ensuring licensees understand the importance we place on the protection and safety of our most vulnerable elderly population is one of my top priorities," **Rep. Rose** said. "I am pleased we are doing what we can to have a mechanism in place to hold administrators accountable for the services they provide."

The other legislation passed today, <u>SB #280</u>, will mandate nursing home facilities to inform patients in advance and in writing when they plan to terminate a service or decrease bed capacity.

"These bills are extremely important not only to protecting our seniors, but to family members who are managing care for their loved ones," **Rep. Rose** said. "We have heard many concerns from constituents on these critical issues, and we took action to clarify the existing laws."

Both measures head to the Governor's desk for his signature.

The 2016 Legislative Session adjourns May 4.

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