



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7213

LCO No. 5865



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Health care provider" means any person, corporation, limited
- 3 liability company, facility or institution operated, owned or licensed by
- 4 the state to provide health care or other professional services, or an
- 5 officer, employee or agent thereof acting in the course and scope of his
- 6 or her employment;
- 7 (2) "Minor child" means a person who is under eighteen years of age;
- 8 (3) "Physician" means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of
- 9 the general statutes; and
- 10 (4) "Services, examination or treatment related to pregnancy and
- 11 pregnancy prevention" (A) includes, but is not limited to, contraceptive
- 12 counseling and services, prenatal care and appropriate care and pain
- 13 management during labor and delivery, including, but not limited to,
- 14 epidural administration, but (B) does not include sterilization.

15 (b) Any minor child may give consent for services, examination or
16 treatment related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without the
17 consent or notification of the minor child's parents or guardian.

18 (c) No physician or other health care provider shall divulge any
19 information concerning the provision to a minor child of such services,
20 examination or treatment, or any consultation for such services,
21 examination or treatment, including, but not limited to, by sending a bill
22 for such services, examination or treatment, to the minor child's parents
23 or guardian without the minor child's express consent.

24 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the obligation,
25 if any, of a physician or other health care provider to make a report to
26 the Departments of Public Health or Children and Families, or to make
27 any other report or disclosure that may be required pursuant to state
28 law.

29 (e) Any parent or guardian who was not informed of the provision of
30 such services, examination or treatment to such parent's or guardian's
31 minor child, shall not be liable for the costs of such services, examination
32 or treatment.

33 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than October 1, 2025, the
34 Secretary of the State shall update the official compilation of the
35 regulations of Connecticut state agencies posted on the eRegulations
36 System to comply with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general
37 statutes and section 1 of this act.

38 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
39 chapter 54 of the general statutes, section 19a-116-1 of the regulations of
40 Connecticut state agencies is repealed.

41 Sec. 4. Section 19a-116 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
42 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect patients' access to reproductive health care.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]