

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Proposed Bill No. 837



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF GROUP PRACTICE ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS.

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

1 That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to (1) require each 2 group practice that submits written notice of a material change to its 3 business or corporate structure to the Attorney General pursuant to 4 section 19a-486i of the general statutes to submit information concerning 5 such group practice's intended acquisitions or mergers, including, but 6 not limited to, intended acquisitions or mergers of such group practice 7 by or with any hospital, private equity company, insurer, corporation or 8 other group practice, to the Commissioner of Health Strategy, (2) repeal 9 subsection (b) of section 19a-639 of the general statutes concerning the 10 presumption in favor of approving certificate of need applications for a 11 transfer of ownership of a large group practice when an offer was made 12 in response to a request for proposal or similar voluntary offer for sale, 13 and (3) require the Health Care Cabinet, established pursuant to section 14 19a-725 of the general statutes, to examine methods to increase oversight 15 of acquisitions and mergers of group practices in the state and develop

16 legislative recommendations concerning such methods.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote health care industry competition and better health care quality in the state.