



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 1530



**AN ACT CONCERNING A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO A PROVISION
CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE
PROVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE AND GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH
CARE SERVICES TO PATIENTS REGARDLESS OF LOCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-38j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and each
4 department head, as defined by section 4-5, shall, upon request, (1)
5 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
6 cognizance of matters relating to government administration,
7 organization and reorganization a report [upon request,] on the
8 progress and implementation of reorganization, and [upon request shall
9 also] (2) furnish to the committee any information concerning
10 reorganization or appear before the committee to provide such
11 information as may be determined by the chairpersons of said
12 committee.

13 Sec. 2. Section 52-571m of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

15 (a) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Reproductive health care services" includes all medical, surgical,

17 counseling or referral services relating to the human reproductive
18 system, including, but not limited to, services relating to pregnancy,
19 fertility, contraception or the termination of a pregnancy; [and all
20 medical care relating to treatment of gender dysphoria as set forth in the
21 most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's
22 "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" and gender
23 incongruence, as defined in the most recent revision of the
24 "International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health
25 Problems"; and]

26 (2) "Gender-affirming health care services" means all medical care
27 related to the treatment of gender dysphoria as set forth in the most
28 recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and
29 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" and gender incongruence, as
30 defined in the most recent revision of the "International Statistical
31 Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems"; and

32 [(2)] (3) "Person" includes an individual, a partnership, an association,
33 a limited liability company or a corporation.

34 (b) When any person has had [a judgment entered] an action filed
35 against such person, in any state, where liability, in whole or in part, is
36 based on the alleged provision, receipt, assistance in receipt or
37 provision, material support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several
38 or conspiracy liability derived therefrom, for reproductive health care
39 services or gender-affirming health care services that are permitted
40 under the laws of this state, regardless of whether the patient was
41 physically located in this state at the time the services were provided,
42 such person may recover damages from any party that brought the
43 action [leading to that judgment] or has sought to enforce [that] a
44 judgment based upon such action. Recoverable damages shall include:
45 (1) Just damages created by the action [that led to that judgment,] in the
46 other state, including, but not limited to, money damages in the amount
47 of the judgment in that other state and costs, expenses and reasonable
48 attorney's fees spent in defending the action; [that resulted in the entry
49 of a judgment in another state;] and (2) costs, expenses and reasonable

50 attorney's fees incurred in bringing an action under this section as may
51 be allowed by the court.

52 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to [a judgment
53 entered in another state that is based on:] (1) [An] an action in another
54 state founded in tort, contract or statute, and for which a similar claim
55 would exist under the laws of this state, brought by the patient who
56 received the reproductive health care services or gender-affirming
57 health care services upon which the original lawsuit was based or the
58 patient's authorized legal representative, for damages suffered by the
59 patient or damages derived from an individual's loss of consortium of
60 the patient; (2) an action in another state founded in contract, and for
61 which a similar claim would exist under the laws of this state, brought
62 or sought to be enforced by a party with a contractual relationship with
63 the person that is the subject of the judgment entered in another state;
64 or (3) an action in another state where no part of the acts that formed the
65 basis for liability occurred in this state.

66 Sec. 3. Section 52-146w of the general statutes is repealed and the
67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

68 (a) Except as provided in sections 52-146c to 52-146k, inclusive,
69 sections 52-146o, 52-146p, 52-146q and 52-146s and subsection (b) of this
70 section, in any civil action or any proceeding preliminary thereto or in
71 any probate, legislative or administrative proceeding, no covered entity
72 or business associate, as such terms are defined in 45 CFR 160.103, shall
73 disclose (1) any communication made to such covered entity or business
74 associate, or any information obtained by such covered entity or
75 business associate from, a patient or the conservator, guardian or other
76 authorized legal representative of a patient relating to reproductive
77 health care services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined
78 in section 52-571m, as amended by this act, that are permitted under the
79 laws of this state and provided to a patient physically located in this
80 state at the time the services were provided, or (2) any information
81 obtained by personal examination of a patient relating to [reproductive
82 health care services, as defined in section 52-571m] such services, that

83 are permitted under the laws of this state, and provided to a patient
84 physically located in this state at the time the services were provided,
85 unless the patient or that patient's conservator, guardian or other
86 authorized legal representative explicitly consents in writing to such
87 disclosure. A covered entity shall inform the patient or the patient's
88 conservator, guardian or other authorized legal representative of the
89 patient's right to withhold such written consent. A covered entity or
90 business associate that receives a request for patient information related
91 to reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
92 services subject to the provisions of this section that is not exempted
93 under subsection (b) of this section and is not accompanied by the
94 written consent of the patient or the conservator, guardian or other
95 authorized legal representative of the patient, shall provide notice of the
96 request to the office of the Attorney General not later than seven days
97 after receipt of the request. The notice shall not contain any information
98 that identifies the patient or the conservator, guardian or other
99 authorized legal representative of the patient.

100 (b) Written consent of the patient or the patient's conservator,
101 guardian or other authorized legal representative shall not be required
102 for the disclosure of such communication or information (1) pursuant to
103 the laws of this state or the rules of court prescribed by the Judicial
104 Branch, (2) by a covered entity or business associate against whom a
105 claim has been made, or there is a reasonable belief will be made, in such
106 action or proceeding, to the covered entity's or business associate's
107 attorney or professional liability insurer or such insurer's agent for use
108 in the defense of such action or proceeding, (3) to the Commissioner of
109 Public Health for records of a patient of a covered entity in connection
110 with an investigation of a complaint, if such records are related to the
111 complaint, or (4) if child abuse, abuse of an elderly individual, abuse of
112 an individual who is physically disabled or incompetent or abuse of an
113 individual with intellectual disability is known or in good faith
114 suspected.

115 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede the lawful
116 sharing of medical records as permitted by state or federal law or the

117 rules of the court prescribed by the Judicial Branch, except in the case of
118 a subpoena commanding the production, copying or inspection of
119 medical records relating to reproductive health care services or gender-
120 affirming health care services, as defined in section 52-571m, as
121 amended by this act.

122 Sec. 4. Section 19a-17e of the general statutes is repealed and the
123 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

124 (a) As used in this section, "reproductive health care services" [has]
125 and "gender-affirming health care services" have the same [meaning]
126 meanings as provided in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

127 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 19a-
128 14, the Department of Public Health shall not deny the eligibility of an
129 applicant for a (1) permit, (2) license by examination, endorsement or
130 reciprocity, or (3) reinstatement of a license (A) voided pursuant to the
131 provisions of subsection (f) of section 19a-88, (B) voluntarily
132 surrendered, or (C) by agreement, not renewed or reinstated pursuant
133 to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 19a-17 based on pending
134 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the imposition of
135 disciplinary action against the applicant by a duly authorized
136 professional disciplinary agency of another state, the District of
137 Columbia or a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United
138 States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,
139 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
140 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
141 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
142 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were
143 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
144 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
145 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
146 were provided. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where
147 the underlying conduct of the applicant would constitute the basis of
148 disciplinary action against the applicant under the laws of this state if
149 the applicant had been licensed or permitted in this state and the

150 conduct had occurred in this state.

151 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-17, a board or
152 commission established under title 20 that has jurisdiction over persons
153 licensed, certified or registered under said title who provide
154 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
155 services, and the Department of Public Health, with respect to
156 professions under the department's jurisdiction that are not subject to
157 discipline by such a board or commission, shall not impose disciplinary
158 action against a licensed, certified or registered person based on
159 pending disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the imposition
160 of disciplinary action against such persons before or by a duly
161 authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the District
162 of Columbia, or a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United
163 States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,
164 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
165 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
166 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
167 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were
168 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
169 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
170 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
171 were provided. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where
172 the underlying conduct of the licensed, certified or registered person
173 would constitute the basis of disciplinary action against such person
174 under the laws of this state if the conduct had occurred in this state.

175 Sec. 5. Section 19a-567 of the general statutes is repealed and the
176 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

177 (a) As used in this section, (1) "credentialing" means the process of
178 assessing and validating the qualifications of a health care provider
179 applying to be approved to provide treatment, care or services in or for
180 an institution, (2) "health care provider" means a person licensed
181 pursuant to title 20 who provides reproductive health care services, (3)
182 "institution" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490, (4)

183 "privileging" means the process of authorizing a health care provider to
184 provide specific treatment, care or services at an institution, and (5)
185 "reproductive health care services" [has] and "gender-affirming health
186 care services" have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section
187 52-571m, as amended by this act.

188 (b) An institution shall not revoke, suspend, reprimand, penalize,
189 refuse to issue or renew credentials or privileges or take any other
190 adverse action against a health care provider with respect to
191 credentialing or privileging based solely on the alleged provision of,
192 receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or
193 any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived
194 therefrom, reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health
195 care services that (1) are permitted under the laws of this state, (2) were
196 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
197 services, and (3) were provided by the health care provider (A) before
198 the date on which the health care provider entered an employment
199 relationship with the institution, or (B) outside the scope of the health
200 care provider's employment with the institution, regardless of whether
201 the patient receiving such services was [a resident of] physically located
202 in this state at the time the services were provided.

203 (c) An institution shall not revoke, suspend, reprimand, penalize,
204 refuse to issue or renew credentials or privileges or take any other
205 adverse action against a health care provider based on pending
206 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the imposition of
207 disciplinary action against the applicant by a duly authorized
208 professional disciplinary agency of another state, the District of
209 Columbia, or a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United
210 States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,
211 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
212 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
213 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
214 services that (1) are permitted under the laws of this state, (2) were
215 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
216 services, and (3) were provided by the health care provider (A) before

217 the date on which the health care provider entered an employment
218 relationship with the institution, or (B) outside the scope of the health
219 care provider's employment with the institution, regardless of whether
220 the patient receiving such services was [a resident of] physically located
221 in this state at the time the services were provided.

222 (d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent an
223 institution from taking any of the actions described in subsections (b)
224 and (c) of this section against a health care provider for conduct that (1)
225 does not conform to the standards of care for the provider's profession,
226 (2) is illegal under the laws of this state, or (3) violates policies or rules
227 of the institution that define the scope of services provided by the
228 institution if (A) such conduct occurs within the scope of the health care
229 provider's employment with, or delivery of care at, the institution, and
230 (B) the institution's enforcement of such policies or rules is not otherwise
231 prohibited by law or regulation.

232 Sec. 6. Section 20-579a of the general statutes is repealed and the
233 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

234 (a) As used in this section, "reproductive health care services" [has]
235 and "gender-affirming health care services" have the same [meaning]
236 meanings as provided in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

237 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner
238 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not
239 deny the eligibility of an applicant for a license, permit or registration
240 under this chapter based on pending disciplinary action, an unresolved
241 complaint or the imposition of disciplinary action against the applicant
242 by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state,
243 the District of Columbia or a commonwealth, territory or possession of
244 the United States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt
245 of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any
246 theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived
247 therefrom, reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health
248 care services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were

249 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
250 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
251 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
252 were provided. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where
253 the underlying conduct of the applicant would constitute the basis of
254 disciplinary action against the applicant under the laws of this state if
255 the applicant had been licensed, permitted or registered in this state and
256 the conduct had occurred in this state.

257 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner
258 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not
259 impose disciplinary action against any person licensed, permitted or
260 registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter based on pending
261 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the imposition of
262 disciplinary action against the applicant by a duly authorized
263 professional disciplinary agency of another state, the District of
264 Columbia, or a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United
265 States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,
266 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
267 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
268 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
269 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were
270 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
271 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
272 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
273 were provided. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where
274 the underlying conduct of the person licensed, permitted or registered
275 would constitute the basis of disciplinary action against such person
276 under the laws of this state if such person had been licensed, permitted
277 or registered in this state and the conduct had occurred in this state.

278 Sec. 7. Section 38a-835 of the general statutes is repealed and the
279 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

280 (a) As used in this section, (1) "health care provider" means a person
281 licensed pursuant to title 20 who provides reproductive health care

282 services, (2) "insurer" means an insurer that insures a health care
283 provider against professional liability, and (3) "reproductive health care
284 services" [has] and "gender-affirming health care services" have the
285 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 52-571m, as amended
286 by this act.

287 (b) An insurer shall not take any adverse action, including, but not
288 limited to, denial or revocation of coverage, sanctions, fines, penalties or
289 rate increases against a health care provider, if such action is based
290 solely on:

291 (1) Such health care provider's alleged provision of, receipt of,
292 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
293 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
294 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
295 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were
296 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
297 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
298 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
299 were provided; or

300 (2) Pending disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the
301 imposition of disciplinary action against such health care provider by a
302 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the
303 District of Columbia, or a commonwealth, territory or possession of the
304 United States that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,
305 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory
306 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,
307 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
308 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were
309 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such
310 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was
311 [a resident of] physically located in this state at the time the services
312 were provided.

313 Sec. 8. Section 52-155a of the general statutes is repealed and the

314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

315 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-155 and 52-657, a
316 judge, justice of the peace, notary public or commissioner of the
317 Superior Court shall not issue a subpoena requested by a commissioner,
318 appointed according to the laws or usages of any other state or
319 government, or by any court of the United States or of any other state or
320 government, when such subpoena relates to reproductive health care
321 services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined in section
322 52-571m, as amended by this act, that are permitted under the laws of
323 this state, unless the subpoena relates to: (1) An out-of-state action
324 founded in tort, contract or statute, for which a similar claim would exist
325 under the laws of this state, brought by a patient or the patient's
326 authorized legal representative, for damages suffered by the patient or
327 damages derived from an individual's loss of consortium of the patient;
328 or (2) an out-of-state action founded in contract, and for which a similar
329 claim would exist under the laws of this state, brought or sought to be
330 enforced by a party with a contractual relationship with the person that
331 is the subject of the subpoena requested by a commissioner appointed
332 according to the laws or usages of another state.

333 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 54-82i of the general statutes is
334 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
335 *1, 2025*):

336 (b) (1) If a judge of a court of record in any state which by its laws has
337 made provision for commanding persons within that state to attend and
338 testify in this state certifies, under the seal of such court, that there is a
339 criminal prosecution pending in such court, or that a grand jury
340 investigation has commenced or is about to commence, that a person
341 being within this state is a material witness in such prosecution or grand
342 jury investigation and that the presence of such witness will be required
343 for a specified number of days, upon presentation of such certificate to
344 any judge of a court of record in the judicial district in which such
345 person is, such judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing and shall
346 make an order directing the witness to appear at such time and place for

347 such hearing.

348 (2) If, at such hearing, the judge determines that the witness is
349 material and necessary, that it will not cause undue hardship to the
350 witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the prosecution or a
351 grand jury investigation in the other state and that the laws of such other
352 state and the laws of any other state through which the witness may be
353 required to pass by ordinary course of travel will give to such witness
354 protection from arrest and from the service of civil or criminal process,
355 the judge shall issue a summons, with a copy of the certificate attached,
356 directing the witness to attend and testify in the court where the
357 prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has
358 commenced or is about to commence at a time and place specified in the
359 summons, except that no judge shall issue a summons in a case where
360 prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has
361 commenced or is about to commence for a criminal violation of a law of
362 such other state involving the provision or receipt of or assistance with
363 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care
364 services, as defined in section [52-571n] 52-571m, as amended by this
365 act, that are legal in this state, regardless of whether the patient was
366 physically located in this state at the time the services were provided,
367 unless the acts forming the basis of the prosecution or investigation
368 would also constitute an offense in this state.

369 (3) At any such hearing, the certificate shall be prima facie evidence
370 of all the facts stated therein. If such certificate recommends that the
371 witness be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of
372 the requesting state to assure the attendance of the witness in such state,
373 such judge may, in lieu of notification of the hearing, direct that such
374 witness be forthwith brought before such judge for such hearing, and,
375 being satisfied, at such hearing, of the desirability of such custody and
376 delivery, of which desirability such certificate shall be prima facie proof,
377 may, in lieu of issuing a subpoena or summons, order that such witness
378 be forthwith taken into custody and delivered to an officer of the
379 requesting state.

380 (4) If such witness, after being paid or tendered by an authorized
 381 person the same amount per mile as provided for state employees
 382 pursuant to section 5-141c for each mile by the ordinary traveled route
 383 to and from the court where the prosecution is pending and five dollars
 384 each day that such witness is required to travel and attend as a witness,
 385 fails, without good cause, to attend and testify as directed in the
 386 summons, the witness shall be punished in the manner provided for the
 387 punishment of any witness who disobeys a summons issued from a
 388 court of record in this state.

389 Sec. 10. Section 54-155a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 390 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

391 No public agency, as defined in section 1-200, or employee,
 392 appointee, officer or official or any other person acting on behalf of a
 393 public agency, may provide any information or expend or use time,
 394 money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel or other resources in
 395 furtherance of any interstate investigation or proceeding or unless
 396 pursuant to a court order, any federal investigation or proceeding,
 397 seeking to impose civil or criminal liability upon a person or entity for
 398 (1) the provision, seeking or receipt of or inquiring about reproductive
 399 health care services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined
 400 in section 52-571m, as amended by this act, that are legal in this state, or
 401 (2) assisting any person or entity providing, seeking, receiving or
 402 responding to an inquiry about reproductive health care services or
 403 gender-affirming health care services, as defined in section 52-571m, as
 404 amended by this act, that are legal in this state, regardless of whether
 405 the patient was physically located in this state at the time the services
 406 were provided. This section shall not apply to any investigation or
 407 proceeding where the conduct subject to potential liability under the
 408 investigation or proceeding would be subject to liability under the laws
 409 of this state if committed in this state.

410 Sec. 11. Subdivision (17) of section 42-515 of the general statutes is
 411 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 412 *1, 2025*):

413 (17) "Gender-affirming health care services" has the same meaning as
414 provided in section [52-571n] 52-571m, as amended by this act.

415 Sec. 12. Sections 52-146x, 52-155b, 52-571n and 54-155b of the general
416 statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2025*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	4-38j
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	52-571m
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	52-146w
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	19a-17e
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	19a-567
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	20-579a
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	38a-835
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	52-155a
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	54-82i(b)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	54-155a
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	42-515(17)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 9(b), subdivision designators (1) to (4), inclusive, were added for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*