

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1380

Public Act No. 25-154

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for any health care provider to knowingly discriminate in the provision of health care services on account of a person's race, color, religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, status as a veteran or status as a victim of domestic violence. As used in this section, "health care provider" means any person, corporation, facility or institution licensed by this state to provide health care services, or an officer, employee or agent thereof acting in the course and scope of such person's employment. Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) require the delivery of futile health care and services in conflict with a health care provider's professional judgment or ethical considerations, (2) affect the professional standard of care, or (3) interfere with public health planning.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (8) of section 46a-51 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

(8) "Discriminatory practice" means a violation of section 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, <u>19a-498c</u>, 31-40y, subsection (b), (d), (e) or (f) of section 31-51i, subparagraph (C) of subdivision (15) of section 46a-54, subdivisions (16) and (17) of section 46a-54, section 46a-58, 46a-59, 46a-60, 46a-64, 46a-64c, 46a-66 or 46a-68, sections 46a-68c to 46a-68f, inclusive, sections 46a-70 to 46a-78, inclusive, subsection (a) of section 46a-80, sections 46a-81b to 46a-81o, inclusive, sections 46a-80b to 46a-80e, inclusive, sections 46a-80k to 46a-80m, inclusive, or section [19a-498c] <u>1 of this act</u>;

Governor's Action: Approved July 8, 2025