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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7135

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## "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE AND GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO PATIENTS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. Section 52-571m of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Reproductive health care services" includes all medical, surgical, 6 counseling or referral services relating to the human reproductive 7 system, including, but not limited to, services relating to pregnancy, 8 <u>assisted reproduction</u>, contraception or the termination of a pregnancy; 9 [and all medical care relating to treatment of gender dysphoria as set 10 forth in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric 11 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" 12 and gender incongruence, as defined in the most recent revision of the

"International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related HealthProblems"; and]

(2) "Gender-affirming health care services" means all supplies, care
and services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical,
psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative, or
supportive nature, including medication relating to the treatment of
gender dysphoria and gender incongruence. "Gender-affirming health
care services" does not include "conversion therapy" as defined in
section 19a-907; and

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

24 (b) When any person has had a judgment entered against such 25 person, in any state, where liability, in whole or in part, is based on the 26 alleged provision, receipt, assistance in receipt or provision, material 27 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy 28 liability derived therefrom, for reproductive health care services or 29 gender-affirming health care services that are permitted under the laws 30 of this state, such person may recover damages from any party that 31 brought the action leading to that judgment or has sought to enforce that judgment. Recoverable damages shall include: (1) Just damages created 32 33 by the action that led to that judgment, including, but not limited to, 34 money damages in the amount of the judgment in that other state and 35 costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees spent in defending the 36 action that resulted in the entry of a judgment in another state; and (2) 37 costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in bringing an 38 action under this section as may be allowed by the court.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a judgment entered in another state that is based on: (1) An action founded in tort, contract or statute, and for which a similar claim would exist under the laws of this state, brought by the patient who received the reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services upon which the original lawsuit was based or the patient's authorized legal

45	representative, for damages suffered by the patient or damages derived
46	from an individual's loss of consortium of the patient; (2) an action
47	founded in contract, and for which a similar claim would exist under
48	the laws of this state, brought or sought to be enforced by a party with
49	a contractual relationship with the person that is the subject of the
50	judgment entered in another state; or (3) an action where no part of the
51	acts that formed the basis for liability occurred in this state.
52	(d) For purposes of this section and sections 19a-17e, 19a-567, 20-579a,
53	<u>38a-835, 52-155a, 54-82i and 54-155a, as amended by this act, the</u>
54	determination of whether any reproductive health care services or
55	gender-affirming health care services are permitted under the laws of
56	this state shall not be dependent on whether the patient receiving such
57	services was located in this state at the time the services were provided."
58	In line 82, strike " <u>The copy</u> "
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- 59 Strike lines 83 and 84 in their entirety
- 60 In line 85, strike "<u>representative of the patient.</u>"