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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. JOHNSTON, 51st Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5505

File No. 370

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**"AN ACT ENSURING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS."**

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 19a-509 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

4 (a) All hospitals and all nursing homes shall include on their
5 admission forms a question as to whether a person is a veteran or the
6 spouse of a veteran. All hospitals shall include on their admission
7 forms a conspicuous notice that a self-pay patient may, upon request,
8 receive a copy of the hospital charges related to such patient. Such
9 admission forms shall also include a conspicuous notice specifying the
10 name and contact information of a person whom the patient may
11 contact to request a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient.

12 (b) All hospitals shall include in their bills to patients, and to third
13 party payors unless previously furnished, an explanation of any items
14 identified by any code or by initials. Upon request by a self-pay

15 patient, a hospital shall provide such patient with an itemized bill not
16 later than thirty days after the date of such request. Such itemized bill
17 shall identify, in plain language pursuant to chapter 742, each
18 individual service, supply or medication provided to the patient by the
19 hospital and the specific charge for such service, supply or medication.

20 (c) No nursing home may bill a patient or third party payor an
21 amount for telephone service, community antenna television service or
22 other telecommunications service, which amount includes a surcharge
23 or administrative fee or which otherwise exceeds the amount paid by
24 the nursing home to provide such service."