



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1152***

LCO No. 4421

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public  
2 Health, in consultation with the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
3 Persons with Disabilities, shall develop recommendations concerning  
4 the provision of gynecological services for women with disabilities.  
5 The recommendations shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)  
6 Procedures for gynecological services for women with disabilities,  
7 including a description of services and accommodations available, and  
8 procedures governing confidentiality and consent; and (2) policies and  
9 procedures regarding the use of sedation for gynecological and routine  
10 examinations that include provision for informed consent and limit the  
11 use of sedation when not medically necessary. The department, in  
12 consultation with the office, shall develop a plan for public education  
13 regarding such recommendations.

14 (b) On or before January 1, 2004, the department shall report, in  
15 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
16 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

17 matters relating to public health on the recommendations and  
18 education plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Mental  
20 Health and Addiction Services shall provide mammographic and  
21 pelvic examinations, as needed, according to the standards set by the  
22 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology, to patients being  
23 cared for in state-operated facilities, as defined in subsection (c) of  
24 section 17a-458 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To improve access to gynecological care for women with disabilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*