



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 mental and
5 physical disabilities. The recommendations shall include, but need not
6 be limited to: (1) Procedures for gynecological services for women with
7 disabilities, including a description of services and accommodations
8 available, and procedures governing confidentiality and consent; and
9 (2) policies and procedures regarding the use of sedation for
10 gynecological and routine examinations that include provision for
11 informed consent and limit the use of sedation when not medically
12 necessary. The department, in consultation with the office, shall
13 develop a plan for public education 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 Commissioners of Mental

20 Health and Addiction Services and Mental Retardation shall provide
21 mammographic and pelvic examinations, as needed, according to the
22 standards set by the American College of Obstetricians and
23 Gynecology, to patients being cared for in state-operated facilities, as
24 defined in subsection (c) of section 17a-458 of the general statutes, or in
25 any institution or facility operated by the Department of Mental
26 Retardation.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*