



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5169

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING QUALITY OF CARE IN CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Department of Public Health shall admit to chronic disease
4 hospitals only patients with chronic illness and shall give preference to
5 patients receiving public assistance from the state or any political
6 subdivision [thereof] of the state.

7 (b) On and after October 1, 2005, no patient shall be admitted to a
8 chronic disease hospital, unless the medical director of the hospital
9 determines that the hospital and its medical staff are capable of
10 providing adequate care and treatment to the patient, consistent with
11 the hospital's by-laws. In making such determination, the medical
12 director shall have access to the patient's medical records and may
13 examine the patient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	19a-253

Statement of Purpose:

To improve quality of care in chronic disease hospitals by ensuring that a chronic disease hospital can meet the needs of a patient prior to admitting the patient.

[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.]

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