



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5820**

LCO No. 2422

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

REP. NAFIS, 27th Dist.

REP. CURREY, 10th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING INFORMED CONSENT FOR PELVIC EXAMINATIONS.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to prohibit a physician and a
- 2 medical student from performing a pelvic examination on an
- 3 unconscious or anesthetized female patient, unless (1) the patient gives
- 4 informed consent for the examination, (2) the examination is within the
- 5 patient's scope of care, or (3) the examination is required for diagnostic
- 6 purposes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect patients from being subjected to pelvic examinations by physicians and medical students while the patients are unconscious.