



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6547

LCO No. 1893

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. WINKLER, 41st Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD FAITH IN
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES.**

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

- 1 That section 52-190a of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 that, prior to filing a negligence action against a health care provider,
- 3 the plaintiff shall (1) obtain a written and signed opinion of a similar
- 4 health care provider stating that there appears to be evidence of
- 5 medical negligence, and (2) attach a copy of such written opinion, with
- 6 the name and signature of the similar health care provider expunged,
- 7 to the certificate of good faith required by said section 52-190a.

Statement of Purpose:

To require a written signed opinion from a similar health care provider in order to show the existence of good faith, and to require the claimant or the claimant's attorney to retain the original written opinion and attach a copy of it to the good faith certificate, with the similar health care provider's name and signature removed.