



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1246**

LCO No. 3967

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each individual health  
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or  
5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2005, shall provide  
6 coverage for artificial disc replacement surgery and post-surgical care,  
7 provided the artificial disc device used in such surgery is approved for  
8 such purpose by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each group health insurance  
10 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
11 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
12 issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or  
13 after October 1, 2005, shall provide coverage for artificial disc  
14 replacement surgery and post-surgical care, provided the artificial disc  
15 device used in such surgery is approved for such purpose by the  
16 federal Food and Drug Administration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require health insurance coverage for spine surgery using artificial discs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

*[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.]*