



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5215

LCO No. 1162

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT BY HYPNOTISTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of section 53a-65 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (9) "Psychotherapist" means a physician, psychologist, nurse,
5 substance abuse counselor, social worker, clergyman, marital and
6 family therapist, mental health service provider, hypnotist or other
7 person, whether or not licensed or certified by the state, who performs
8 or purports to perform psychotherapy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	53a-65(9)
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a hypnotist who engages in sexual intercourse with a patient or subjects a patient to sexual contact during a psychotherapy

session or by therapeutic deception is subject to the criminal penalties for sexual assault in the second or fourth degree.

[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.]