



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Monday, February 26, 2007**

HB 7163, An Act Concerning Revisions To Department Of Public Health Statutes

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on **HB 7163, An Act Concerning Revisions To Department Of Public Health Statutes.**

HB 7163 makes numerous revisions to the statutes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health. CHA appreciates the opportunity to comment on two areas of this bill.

Sections 19 – 22, Advance Directives: CHA was supportive of last session's initiative by this committee to revise the process for creating and honoring advance directions. Sections 19 through 22 attempt to clarify language adopted last year concerning psychiatric advance directives. CHA has some concerns over the drafting of these sections and will work with the Committee and the proponents of these sections to provide for the Committee's considerations amended language that effectuate the intent of the clarification and addresses CHA's concerns.

Section 24, Physician Assistants: CHA supports the elimination of the requirement that an alternative supervising physician register with the Department of Public Health. CHA also supports the elimination of the requirement that the physicians supervising a physician assistant register with the Department of Public Health found in another bill before this Committee, **HB 7089, An Act Concerning Supervising Physicians For Physician Assistants.** CHA respectfully requests for clarity that either the provisions of HB 7089 be added to this bill or section 24 be added to HB 7089.

Thank you for consideration of our position.

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