



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5509**

LCO No. 1108

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAID PROVIDER TAX ON HOSPITALS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a Medicaid  
2 provider tax on hospitals, the proceeds of which shall be used in their  
3 entirety to increase Medicaid reimbursement to hospitals. It is further  
4 proposed that section 19a-613 of the general statutes be amended to  
5 require that the Office of Health Care Access have oversight  
6 responsibility for assuring that the reduction in uncompensated care  
7 costs are fully implemented into fee schedule reductions by the  
8 hospitals. The Insurance Department shall have oversight  
9 responsibility for assuring that hospital cost reductions are fully  
10 implemented into premium reductions for policyholders.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce hospital uncompensated care costs and cost shifting, thereby reducing the cost of insurance benefits and making health coverage more affordable.