



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 662

LCO No. 3018

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF FORENSIC NURSING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require each acute care
- 2 hospital to make available forensic nursing services to each patient
- 3 who is a victim of a physical or sexual assault or trauma, and that
- 4 "forensic nursing" be defined as the application of forensic science to
- 5 the practice of nursing including (1) the assessment and treatment of
- 6 victims and perpetrators of interpersonal crimes, and (2) the collection
- 7 or documentation of physical evidence that may contain evidentiary
- 8 value and be presented in a criminal or civil court proceeding.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide essential assistance to victims of physical or sexual assault by requiring acute care hospitals to provide forensic nursing services to such victims.