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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR VICTIMS OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Emergency contraception" means one or more prescription
4 drugs used separately or in combination administered or self-
5 administered by a patient to prevent pregnancy, within a medically
6 recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse and dispensed
7 for that purpose, in accordance with professional standards of practice,
8 and determined to be safe by the United States Food and Drug
9 Administration.

10 (2) "Emergency treatment" means any medical examination or
11 treatment provided in a licensed health care facility to a victim of
12 sexual assault following an alleged sexual assault.

13 (3) "Medically and factually accurate and objective" means verified
14 or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with

15 accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals,
16 where applicable.

17 (4) "Victim of sexual assault" means any female person who alleges
18 or is alleged to have suffered an injury as a result of a sexual offense.

19 (5) "Sexual offense" means a violation of subsection (a) of section
20 53a-70 of the general statutes, section 53a-70a or 53a-70b of the general
21 statutes, subsection (a) of section 53a-71 of the general statutes, section
22 53a-72a or 53a-72b of the general statutes, subdivision (2) of subsection
23 (a) of section 53a-86 of the general statutes, subdivision (2) of
24 subsection (a) of section 53a-87 of the general statutes or section 53a-
25 90a, 53a-196a or 53a-196b of the general statutes.

26 (b) Each licensed health care facility that provides emergency
27 treatment to victims of sexual assault including, any health care facility
28 that is a participating provider of services under any of the state's
29 medical assistance programs shall:

30 (1) Provide each victim of sexual assault with medically and
31 factually accurate and objective information relating to emergency
32 contraception;

33 (2) Inform such victim of sexual assault of the availability of
34 emergency contraception, its use and efficacy; and

35 (3) Dispense emergency contraception to such victim of sexual
36 assault upon the request of such victim.

37 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
38 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
39 provisions of this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require licensed health care facilities to provide emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault upon the request of such victims.

[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.]