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To: Senate Bill No. 1343

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following
2 in lieu thereof:

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

5 (1) "Emergency contraception" means one or more prescription

6 drugs used separately or in combination administered to or self-
7 administered by a patient to prevent pregnancy, within a medically
8 recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse and provided
9 for that purpose, in accordance with professional standards of practice,
10 and determined to be safe by the United States Food and Drug
11 Administration.

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

15 (3) "Medically and factually accurate and objective" means verified
16 or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with
17 accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals,
18 where applicable.

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

21 (5) "Sexual offense" means a violation of subsection (a) of section
22 53a-70 of the general statutes, section 53a-70a or 53a-70b of the general
23 statutes, subsection (a) of section 53a-71 of the general statutes, section
24 53a-72a or 53a-72b of the general statutes, subdivision (2) of subsection
25 (a) of section 53a-86 of the general statutes, subdivision (2) of
26 subsection (a) of section 53a-87 of the general statutes or section 53a-
27 90a, 53a-196a or 53a-196b of the general statutes.

28 (6) "Independent provider" means a physician licensed under
29 chapter 370 of the general statutes, a physician assistant licensed under
30 chapter 370 of the general statutes, an advanced practice registered
31 nurse or registered nurse licensed under chapter 378 of the general
32 statutes, or a nurse-midwife licensed under chapter 377 of the general
33 statutes, all of whom are trained to conduct a forensic exam in
34 accordance with the state of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for
35 Health Care Response to Victims of Sexual Assault, published by the
36 Commission on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in
37 Sexual Assault Investigations pursuant to section 19a-112a of the

38 general statutes.

39 (b) The standard of care for each licensed health care facility that
40 provides emergency treatment to a victim of sexual assault shall
41 include promptly:

42 (1) Providing each victim of sexual assault with medically and
43 factually accurate and objective information relating to emergency
44 contraception;

45 (2) Informing such victim of sexual assault of the availability of
46 emergency contraception, its use and efficacy; and

47 (3) Providing emergency contraception to such victim of sexual
48 assault at the facility upon the request of such victim, except that a
49 licensed health care facility shall not be required to provide emergency
50 contraception to a victim of sexual assault who has been determined to
51 be pregnant through the administration of a pregnancy test approved
52 by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

53 (c) In order to comply with the standard of care requirements
54 prescribed in subsection (b) of this section, a licensed health care
55 facility may contract with one or more independent providers to: (1)
56 Ensure compliance at the facility with the standard of care
57 requirements prescribed in said subsection (b), and (2) conduct at the
58 facility a forensic exam of the sexual assault victim in accordance with
59 the state of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care
60 Response to Victims of Sexual Assault, published by the Commission
61 on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault
62 Investigations pursuant to section 19a-112a of the general statutes.

63 (d) No licensed health care facility that provides emergency
64 treatment to a victim of sexual assault shall determine such facility's
65 protocol for complying with the standard of care requirements
66 prescribed in subsection (b) of this section on any basis other than a
67 pregnancy test approved by the United States Food and Drug
68 Administration."

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