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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