



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 458

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AN ACT CONCERNING LINGUISTIC ACCESS IN HOSPITALS AND DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-490i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):
- 3 (a) Each acute care hospital in this state shall:
- 4 (1) Develop and annually review a policy on the provision of
5 interpreter services to non-English-speaking patients;
- 6 (2) Ensure, to the extent possible, the availability of interpreter
7 services to patients whose primary language is spoken by a group
8 comprising not less than five per cent of the population residing in the
9 geographic area served by the hospital;
- 10 (3) Prepare and maintain a list of qualified interpreters;
- 11 (4) Notify hospital staff of the requirement to provide interpreters to
12 non-English-speaking patients;
- 13 (5) Post multilingual notices of the availability of interpreters to
14 non-English-speaking patients;
- 15 (6) Review standardized forms to determine the need for translation

