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Proposed Bill No. 5625

LCO No. 869

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

REP. FAWCETT, 133rd Dist.
REP. GODFREY, 110th Dist.
REP. HORNISH, 62nd Dist.
REP. LYDDY, 106th Dist.
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REP. TABORSAK, 109th Dist.
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REP. HURLBURT, 53rd Dist.
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTICS FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that: (1) A
2 physician may prescribe, administer or dispense antibiotic therapy for
3 therapeutic purpose to a person diagnosed with and having symptoms
4 of Lyme disease if a diagnosis and treatment plan has been
5 documented in the physician's medical record for that patient; and (2)
6 no physician may be subject to disciplinary action solely for
7 prescribing, administering or dispensing long-term antibiotic therapy
8 for a therapeutic purpose for a patient clinically diagnosed with Lyme
9 disease, if a diagnosis and treatment plan has been documented in the
10 physician's medical record for that patient.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow physicians to prescribe, administer or dispense long-term antibiotics for therapeutic purposes to patients clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease.