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Senate Bill No. 265

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARRIS of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Health care provider" means any person, corporation, limited
4 liability company, facility or institution operated, owned or licensed by
5 this state to provide health care services or homemaker-companion
6 services, or an officer, employee or agent thereof acting in the course
7 and scope of such person's employment; and

8 (2) "Health care facility or institution" means a hospital, residential
9 care home, health care facility for the disabled, nursing home, rest
10 home, home health care agency, homemaker-home health aide agency,
11 homemaker-companion agency, emergency medical services
12 organization, mental health facility, assisted living services agency,
13 substance use disorder treatment facility, outpatient surgical facility,

14 an infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of
 15 students enrolled in, and faculty and employees of, such institution; a
 16 facility engaged in providing services for the prevention, diagnosis,
 17 treatment or care of human health conditions, including facilities
 18 operated and maintained by any state agency, and a residential facility
 19 for persons with mental retardation licensed pursuant to section 17a-
 20 227 of the general statutes.

21 (b) Any health care provider who (1) is employed by or acting on
 22 behalf of a health care facility or institution, and (2) provides direct
 23 patient care shall wear in plain view during normal working hours a
 24 photographic identification badge issued by the health care facility or
 25 institution that includes the name of the health care facility or
 26 institution, the name of the health care provider, and the type of
 27 license, certificate or employment title that the health care provider
 28 holds with the health care facility or institution. Health care facilities
 29 or institutions, in consultation with the Department of Public Health,
 30 shall develop policies and procedures concerning the size, content and
 31 format of the photographic identification badge required pursuant to
 32 this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill, which requires certain health care providers to wear photographic identification badges, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state, as state facilities already require such badges. Any municipal health care facility or institution not presently requiring badges would incur expenses to obtain them, resulting in a minimal cost to those affected municipalities. It is anticipated that the cost per badge would be no more than \$5.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health to work in consultation with health care facilities or institutions to develop policies concerning size, content and format of these badges.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future, subject to the number of newly hired municipal health care staff.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 265*****AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a health care provider who provides direct patient care as an employee or on behalf of a healthcare facility or institution to wear an employer-issued photo identification badge during normal working hours. The badge must be worn in plain view and include (1) the facility or institution's name; (2) the provider's name; and (3) the provider's license, certificate, or employment title.

The bill requires these facilities or institutions, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop policies and procedures concerning the badge size, content, and format.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

DEFINITIONS

The bill defines "healthcare provider" as (1) any person, corporation, limited liability company, facility, or institution owned, operated, or licensed in Connecticut to provide healthcare or homemaker-companion services or (2) an officer, employee, or agent of such person or entity acting in the course and scope of such person's employment.

The bill defines "healthcare facility or institution" as a:

1. hospital;
2. residential care home;
3. healthcare facility for the disabled;

4. nursing home;
5. rest home;
6. home health care agency;
7. homemaker-home health aide agency;
8. homemaker-companion agency;
9. emergency medical services organization;
10. mental health facility;
11. assisted living services agency;
12. substance use disorder treatment facility;
13. outpatient surgical facility;
14. infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of its students, faculty, and employees; and
15. facility engaged in providing services to prevent, diagnose, treat, or care for human health conditions, including state-operated and -maintained facilities and residential facilities for individuals with mental retardation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/10/2010)