

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 5476,
AN ACT CONCERNING PATHOLOGY BILLING SERVICES

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Quest Diagnostics is the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services. The company operates one its regional laboratories in Wallingford, Connecticut, where we employ nearly 900 people. We oppose H.B. 5476, An Act Concerning Pathology Billing Services.

We support the policy goals of Public Act 09-232 and oppose repeal of the law.

The law states:

“No person or entity, other than a physician licensed under chapter 370, clinical laboratory, as defined in section 19a-30, or a referring clinical laboratory, shall directly or indirectly charge, bill or otherwise solicit payment for the provision of anatomic pathology services, unless such services were personally rendered by or under the direct supervision of such physician, clinical laboratory or referring laboratory in accordance with section 353 of the Public Health Service Act, (42 USC 263a).”

We urge the committee to reject H.B. 5476.