



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### **TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE March 1, 2010**

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### **House Bill 5286 - An Act Concerning Licensure of Master and Clinical Social Workers**

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**The Department of Public Health provides the following information with regard to  
House Bill 5286:**

House Bill 5286 would require the Department of Public Health to establish a new licensing program for master social workers. However, provisions in Section 9 of the bill would require DPH to implement a licensing program for master social workers only if appropriations are available. Currently, the Department would not be able to implement the new licensing program unless additional resources were provided.

DPH has worked with the Public Health Committee as well as interested stakeholders concerning this proposal and would be pleased to continue to do so moving forward. We would respectfully request that, in subsection (b) under section 4 of the bill, "on or before October 1, 2012" following the words "concerning examinations," be included. This would establish an end date for the grandparenting provisions of this section of the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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