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SB 265, An Act Requiring Health Care Providers To Display Photographic Identification Badges

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 265, An Act Requiring Health Care Providers To Display Photographic Identification Badges.**

SB 265 would require healthcare providers to have identification badges when providing direct patient care. CHA does not believe the bill should apply to hospitals because the Joint Commission, which accredits hospitals in Connecticut, already requires identification standards. In addition, SB 265 requires that the identification badge be worn "in plain view during normal working hours," which runs counter to infection control practices and procedures which govern many hospital procedures and surgeries.

To preserve the purpose of the bill, but avoid any accidental confusion regarding the information to be listed on the badges, we request that a new subsection (c) be added to the bill as follows.

> (c) A hospital shall be deemed in compliance with the provisions of this act if they are in compliance with the Joint Commission's identification standards.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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