



Connecticut State Dental Association

Fact Sheet: HB 5616 AAC An Advanced Dental Hygiene Practice Pilot Program

There is a much better alternative to this bill and it is currently before the House!

The reasons to oppose HB 5616 are many. Among them are:

- Any child in CT can already receive an emergency dental appointment within 24 hours and a routine visit within 2 weeks, thus there is ample ACCESS, but this access is not UTILIZED as much as it could be. A new provider will NOT increase utilization.
- This bill calls for an inappropriate entity to accredit its education, has an illogical and unscientific “pilot program” attached to it as an afterthought, does not require the “ADHP” to pass a competency exam or to maintain continued competency such as PA’s or APRN’s have to, allows an undertrained individual to perform irreversible surgical procedures, would allow this individual to prescribe, dispense and administer various narcotics without having a federal DEA certificate or a controlled substance permit issued from the CT DCP...the list goes on and on.

There is a safe and logical alternative to HB 5616 that is currently before the House. It is HB 6549 AAC The DPH’s Oversight Responsibilities Relating To Scope of Practice Determinations For Health Care Professions. This bill is the result of an exhaustive study requested by the Public health committee and produced by the PRI committee. The Public Health committee overwhelmingly supports this bill. It:

- Establishes a formalized process under the auspices of the DPH for resolving issues relating to a health care profession’s scope of practice.
- It promotes an evidence-based approach to decision making which places a premium on impartiality, facts and data. This will allow the legislator to make informed decisions on issues of scope moving forward.
- At the end of the proposed scope of practice review committee process decisions will be made that will be most apt to actually increase access utilization while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety, AND be fiscally realistic.

We Respectfully Urge You to Oppose HB 5616 and to SUPPORT HB 6549