



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5045**

LCO No. 2649

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY  
PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES DURING WORK HOURS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Health care provider" means any person employed by or acting  
4 on behalf of a health care facility or institution; and

5 (2) "Health care facility or institution" means a hospital, health care  
6 facility for the disabled, nursing home, rest home, home health care  
7 agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, emergency medical  
8 services organization, mental health facility, assisted living services  
9 agency, substance abuse treatment facility, outpatient surgical facility,  
10 an infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of  
11 students enrolled in, and faculty and employees of, such institution; a  
12 facility engaged in providing services for the prevention, diagnosis,  
13 treatment or care of human health conditions, including facilities  
14 operated and maintained by any state agency, and a residential facility  
15 for persons with mental retardation licensed pursuant to section 17a-

16 227 of the general statutes.

17 (b) Any health care provider who provides direct patient care shall  
18 wear in plain view during such provider's working hours a  
19 photographic identification badge issued by the health care facility or  
20 institution that includes the name of the health care facility or  
21 institution, the name of the health care provider, and the type of  
22 license, certificate or employment title that the health care provider  
23 holds with the health care facility or institution. Health care facilities or  
24 institutions, in consultation with the Department of Public Health,  
25 shall develop policies and procedures concerning the size, content and  
26 format of the photographic identification badge required pursuant to  
27 this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow patients to quickly identify those health care providers who are involved in their direct care.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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