



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5612

LCO No. 1803

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
REP. SAYERS, 60th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED DECISION MAKING BETWEEN
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND THEIR PATIENTS.**

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

1 That chapter 369 of the general statutes be amended to require a
2 health care provider to provide his or her patient with a statement of
3 shared decision making as a means of ensuring that the provider has
4 secured the informed consent of the patient prior to the administration
5 of any medical treatment. The statement of shared decision making
6 shall include: A brief description of the services that the patient and
7 provider have agreed will be furnished, a brief description of any aids
8 that have been used to assist in the decision making process, a
9 statement certifying that the patient understands all the risks inherent
10 with a prescribed course of treatment, and a statement certifying that
11 the patient has had the opportunity to ask the provider questions and
12 have all such questions answered in a satisfactory manner.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the relationship between health care providers and patients through promotion of a shared decision making process.