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:

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