AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PROPHYLACTIC AND EMERGENCY CARE TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

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

Section 1. Section 19a-490k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2011):

(a) A hospital may administer care to patients, after an assessment of contraindications, without a physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital policy, if such care is emergent, timely and necessary, or for the purpose of advancing patient care, to the extent such care is permitted by 42 CFR Part 482.

(b) A hospital may administer any prophylactic care or treatment to healthy newborns who are born at the hospital, or who are admitted to the hospital nursery, after an assessment of contraindications, without a physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital policy, to the extent such care or treatment is permitted by 42 CFR Part 482.

(c) A hospital may administer influenza and pneumococcal
polysaccharide vaccines to patients, after an assessment for contraindications, without a physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital policy. The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this [section] subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To enhance and optimize patient care in hospitals.

[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.]