



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6594**

LCO No. 4291

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING A MEDICAL INSTITUTION TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE INSTITUTION IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR OR SETTLES A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 Upon entry of any medical malpractice award or upon entering a  
4 settlement of a malpractice claim against an individual licensed  
5 pursuant to chapter 370 to [373, inclusive, 379 or] 383, inclusive, (1) the  
6 entity making payment on behalf of a party or, if no such entity exists,  
7 the party, and (2) any institution, as defined in section 19a-490, that  
8 employs such individual, shall notify the Department of Public Health  
9 of the terms of the award or settlement and shall provide to the  
10 department a copy of the award or settlement and the underlying  
11 complaint and answer, if any. The department shall review all medical  
12 malpractice awards and all settlements to determine whether further  
13 investigation or disciplinary action against the providers involved is  
14 warranted. Any document received pursuant to this section shall not

15 be considered a petition and shall not be subject to the provisions of  
16 section 1-210 unless the department determines, following completion  
17 of its review, that further investigation or disciplinary action is  
18 warranted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	19a-17a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require that a medical institution report to the Department of Public Health when a licensed employee of the institution is required to pay for or settles a medical malpractice claim against the employee.

*[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.]*