



General Assembly

January Session, 2011

Substitute Bill No. 1147

* SB01147HS 032311 *

AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT CONSENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public
4 Health pursuant to chapter 368v may create, maintain or utilize
5 medical records or a medical records system in electronic format,
6 paper format or both, provided such records or system is designed to
7 store medical records or patient health information in a medium that is
8 reproducible and secure.

9 (b) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public
10 Health pursuant to chapter 368v that maintains or utilizes a medical
11 records system in an electronic format shall not release patient health
12 information unless the patient or the patient's authorized
13 representative consents, in writing, to the release of such information.

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

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2011</i> | 19a-25c |
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b), "health care institution" was changed to "health care institution licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v" to maintain consistency with section 1(a).

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*