



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 6547 - An Act Concerning the Responsibilities of the Department of Public Health Upon Receiving Notice of a Malpractice Claim or Settlement Involving a Health Care Provider Presently or Formerly Licensed by the State

The Department of Public Health provides the following information with regard to House Bill 6547:

All medical malpractice awards and settlements, regardless of the State in which they were entered, are required to be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). All State licensing authorities have access to this information through the NPDB. In addition, many states have a law that is comparable to Connecticut's mandatory reporting law regarding medical malpractice awards and settlements.

House Bill 6547 would require the Department to determine if a practitioner is "known or believed" to be practicing in another state or territory of the United States and if so, notify such state or territory of the settlement or award. Physicians are required to notify the Department of other state licenses as part of their physician profiles.

If under this bill the Department is expected to check more than the physician profile system to determine if a practitioner is "known or believed" to be licensed in another state or territory, the Department cannot absorb the costs associated with this process within our current budget allotment.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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