



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5435

February Session, 2012

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AN ACT CONCERNING "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-580d of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
4 accordance with chapter 54, to provide for a system governing the
5 recognition and transfer of "do not resuscitate" orders between health
6 care institutions licensed pursuant to chapter 368v and upon
7 intervention by emergency medical services providers certified or
8 licensed pursuant to chapter 368d. The regulations shall include, but
9 not be limited to, procedures concerning (1) the use of "do not
10 resuscitate" bracelets, and (2) the form, recognition and transfer of a
11 physician's orders relating to a patient's end-of-life care by emergency
12 medical services providers that are not affiliated with a hospital and
13 licensed health care institutions. The regulations shall specify that,
14 upon request of the patient or his authorized representative, the
15 physician who issued the "do not resuscitate" order shall assist the
16 patient or his authorized representative in utilizing the system. The
17 regulations shall not limit the authority of the Commissioner of
18 Developmental Services under subsection (g) of section 17a-238
19 concerning orders applied to persons receiving services under the
20 direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	19a-580d
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*