



Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing: 4/1/13

PLEASE SUPPORT:

House Bill 6687 – AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senate Bill 1154 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCIDENTAL FAILURE OF SUIT STATUTE

Medical Malpractice often tears families apart – emotionally and financially.

The Connecticut Center for Patient Safety is the voice of medical malpractice victims at the State Capitol; and we are respectfully requesting you to consider the victims and their families – first and foremost -- when you are considering House Bill 6687 and Senate Bill 1154.

No one wants to be severely or permanently injured in a hospital or in a doctor's office; and no one wants to file an expensive and emotionally draining lawsuit. But when innocent people are injured by medical malpractice through no fault of their own, and they can never work again, or never walk again, or never hug their children again, their only option is often to file a lawsuit to protect their families and to obtain compensation for the enormous costs of current and future medical bills and medical care.

House Bill 6687 and Senate Bill 1154 both have the purpose of giving victims of medical malpractice a fair opportunity to get into Court to seek justice for the medical malpractice that caused their injuries and pain and financial devastation. The current law is often not fair to victims -- because the injured victims are often faced with insurmountable hurdles to get into Court and have their cases heard by a jury of their peers. Everyone agrees that we should not have laws in Connecticut that make it very difficult, if not impossible, for victims to get into a Court of Law.

House Bill 6687 and Senate Bill 1154 are not about doctors and hospitals and lawyers and insurance companies. These bills are about medical malpractice victims and their families.

Thank you for supporting these two important pieces of legislation.

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