



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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***House Bill 6391 - An Act Concerning The Practice Of Advanced Practice
Registered Nurses***

The Department of Public Health provides the following information with regard to House Bill 6391.

House Bill 6391 proposed to change the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) by removing the need for a written collaborative agreement with a physician. It would instead allow the APRN to practice independently and collaborate with other healthcare professionals on an "as needed" basis. This change would not apply to certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The Department of Public Health feels this is a major change in the scope of practice of APRNs and, as such, should be subject to the scope review process mandated by Public Act 11-209. Although the APRNs requested a scope review this year, DPH could not complete all reviews requested within available appropriations.

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

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