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**"AN ACT CONCERNING LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN HOSPITALS."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Section 19a-490o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

5      (a) The Department of Public Health shall consider the  
6      recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Healthcare  
7      Associated Infections established pursuant to section 19a-490n, with  
8      respect to the establishment of a mandatory reporting system for  
9      healthcare associated infections designed to prevent healthcare  
10     associated infections.

11     (b) The Department of Public Health shall submit a report to the  
12     joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
13     of matters relating to public health concerning the plan for the  
14     mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections

15 recommended by the Advisory Committee on Healthcare Associated  
 16 Infections pursuant to section 19a-490n, and the status of such plan  
 17 implementation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

18 (c) On or before May 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the  
 19 department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the  
 20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 21 health on the information collected by the department pursuant to the  
 22 mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections  
 23 established under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the  
 24 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, for each facility,  
 25 information concerning the number and type of infections, including,  
 26 but not limited to, (1) central line-associated bloodstream infections,  
 27 catheter-associated urinary tract infections, surgical site infections,  
 28 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections and  
 29 Clostridium difficile (C. difficile) infections, acquired in a hospital or  
 30 other facility that resulted in death, serious injury or serious illness at  
 31 each facility. Such report shall be posted on the department's Internet  
 32 web site and made available to the public.

33 (d) The department shall post information on its Internet web site  
 34 regarding healthcare-associated infections. Such information shall  
 35 include links on the department's home page to the annual reports  
 36 submitted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section and to the  
 37 Medicare Hospital Compare Internet web site to assist members of the  
 38 public in learning about healthcare-associated infections and  
 39 comparing the rate of such infections at facilities in the state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2014	19a-490o