



**House Bill No. 6708**

**Public Act No. 15-120**

***AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STATUTES.***

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

Section 1. Subsection (n) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(n) (1) The commissioner shall specify uniform methods of keeping statistical information by: [public] (A) Public and private agencies, including agencies that operate institutions, as defined in section 19a-490, that provide care or treatment for psychiatric disabilities or alcohol or drug abuse or dependence, whether or not such agencies are operated or funded by the state; and (B) other organizations and individuals. [, including] Such methods shall include those for creating and maintaining a client identifier system. [, and] Such agencies, organizations and individuals shall collect and make available relevant statistical information, including the number of persons treated, demographic and clinical information about such persons, frequency of admission and readmission, frequency and duration of treatment, level or levels of care provided and discharge and referral information. [The commissioner shall also require all facilities that provide prevention or treatment of alcohol or drug abuse or dependence that

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are operated or funded by the state or licensed under sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, to implement such methods.]

(2) Such agencies, organizations and individuals shall, upon the request of the commissioner, report the information described in subdivision (1) of this subsection to the department in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall report any [licensed facility] agency that operates a licensed institution that fails to report information as requested by the commissioner to the Department of Public Health or other licensing authority.

(3) The information contained in any client identifier system, as described in this subsection, shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements set forth in [section] sections 17a-688 and 52-146g and regulations adopted thereunder.

Sec. 2. Subsection (v) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(v) The commissioner may designate [a deputy commissioner] any employee of the department to sign any contract, agreement or settlement on behalf of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 17a-450a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall constitute a successor department to the Department of Mental Health. Whenever the words "Commissioner of Mental Health" are used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words "Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof and whenever the words "Department of Mental Health" are

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used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words "Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4-5, 4-38c, 4-60i, 4-77a, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-142, 8-206d, 10-19, 10-71, 10-76d, 17a-14, 17a-26, 17a-31, 17a-33, 17a-218, 17a-246, 17a-450, 17a-451, as amended by this act, [17a-452,] 17a-453, 17a-454, 17a-455, 17a-456, 17a-457, 17a-458, 17a-459, 17a-460, 17a-464, 17a-465, 17a-466, 17a-467, 17a-468, 17a-470, 17a-471, 17a-472, 17a-473, 17a-474, 17a-476, 17a-478, 17a-479, 17a-480, 17a-481, 17a-482, 17a-483, 17a-484, 17a-498, 17a-499, 17a-502, 17a-506, 17a-510, 17a-511, 17a-512, 17a-513, 17a-519, 17a-528, 17a-560, 17a-561, 17a-562, 17a-565, 17a-576, 17a-581, 17a-582, 17a-675, 17b-28, 17b-222, 17b-223, 17b-225, 17b-359, 17b-420, 17b-694, 19a-82, 19a-495, 19a-498, 19a-507a, 19a-507c, 19a-576, 19a-583, 20-14i, 20-14j, 21a-240, 21a-301, 27-122a, 31-222, 38a-514, 46a-28, 51-51o, 52-146h and 54-56d.

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 17a-495 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(d) For the purposes of sections [17a-452] 17a-453 to 17a-454, inclusive, 17a-456, 17a-458 to 17a-464, inclusive, 17a-466 to 17a-469, inclusive, 17a-471, 17a-474, 17a-476 to 17a-484, inclusive, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-576, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, "person with psychiatric disabilities" means any person who has a mental or emotional condition which has substantial adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who requires care and treatment, and specifically includes a person who is an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as defined in section 17a-680.

Sec. 5. Section 17a-452 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2015*)

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