



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5625**

LCO No. 5124



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the definition of surgery. The task force shall examine the  
3 scope of practice for each category of licensed health care professional  
4 pursuant to title 20 of the general statutes and develop a proposed  
5 definition of surgery.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9 relating to public health, or such chairpersons' and ranking members'  
10 designees;

11 (2) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives, who shall be a physician;

13 (3) One member appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
14 Senate, who shall be a physician assistant;

15 (4) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
16 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
17 Connecticut Medical Society, and one of whom shall be a  
18 representative of a school of nursing at an institution of higher  
19 education in the state;

20 (5) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,  
21 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Nurse's  
22 Association, and one of whom shall be an electrologist;

23 (6) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
25 Connecticut Hospital Association, and one of whom shall be an  
26 optometrist;

27 (7) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,  
28 one of whom shall be an owner of a medical spa or a licensed health  
29 care provider who is employed by, or provides services under a  
30 contract with, a medical spa, and one of whom shall be a physical  
31 therapist;

32 (8) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a  
33 representative of a school of medicine at an institution of higher  
34 education in the state; and

35 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
36 designee.

37 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)  
38 to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
39 the General Assembly.

40 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
41 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
42 filled by the appointing authority.

43 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president

44 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task  
45 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
46 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
47 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

48 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
49 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
50 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
51 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
52 general statutes. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a  
53 proposed definition of surgery to be adopted for the purpose of section  
54 20-9 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
55 that it submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to recommend a definition of surgery.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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