



**AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS  
AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-112g of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) As used in this section: ["sexual assault forensic examiner"]

4 (1) "Sexual assault forensic examiner" means a registered nurse or  
5 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or  
6 a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370; [.] and

7 (2) "Health care facility" means a facility (A) operated by an  
8 institution of higher education, (B) licensed by the Department of  
9 Public Health as an infirmary operated by an educational institution or  
10 as an outpatient clinic, and (C) accredited by the Joint Commission or  
11 the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

12 (b) A sexual assault forensic examiner may provide immediate care  
13 and treatment to a victim of sexual assault who is a patient in an acute  
14 care hospital or in a health care facility and [may] collect evidence  
15 pertaining to the investigation of any sexual assault in accordance with  
16 the State of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care  
17 Response to Victims of Sexual Assault, published by the Commission  
18 on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault

19 Investigations pursuant to section 19a-112a. Services provided by a  
20 sexual assault forensic examiner shall be: (1) In accordance with the  
21 [hospital's] policies and accreditation standards of the acute care  
22 hospital or health care facility; and (2) pursuant to a written agreement  
23 entered into by the (A) acute care hospital [, the] or health care facility,  
24 (B) Department of Public Health, [the] and (C) Office of Victim  
25 Services concerning the [hospital's] participation of the acute care  
26 hospital or health care facility in the sexual assault forensic examiners  
27 program. Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering the  
28 scope of the practice of nursing as set forth in section 20-87a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2015	19a-112g
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (b), "iii" was changed to "C" for internal consistency.

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*