

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5625**

LCO No. 5793

**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) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, one of whom shall be a physician, and one of whom
13 shall be a chiropractor who is a member of the Connecticut
14 Chiropractic Association;

15 (3) Two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the
16 Senate, one of whom shall be a physician assistant who is a member of

17 the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants, and one of whom
18 shall be a dentist;

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

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

27 (6) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the
29 Connecticut Hospital Association, and one of whom shall be an
30 optometrist who is a member of the Connecticut Association of
31 Optometrists;

32 (7) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
33 one of whom shall be an owner of a medical spa or a licensed health
34 care provider who is employed by, or provides services under a
35 contract with, a medical spa, and one of whom shall be a physical
36 therapist;

37 (8) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
38 be a representative of a school of medicine at an institution of higher
39 education in the state, one of whom shall be a representative of the
40 University of Bridgeport Health Sciences Programs, and one of whom
41 shall be a podiatrist who is a member of the Connecticut Podiatric
42 Medical Association; and

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

45 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)
46 to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of

47 the General Assembly.

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

51 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
52 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task
53 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
54 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
55 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

56 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report
57 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
58 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
59 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
60 general statutes. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a
61 proposed definition of surgery to be adopted for the purpose of section
62 20-9 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
63 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