



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL UROLOGISTS**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT  
before the Public Health Committee**

**HB 5625, An Act Concerning the Definition of Surgery**

The American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU), a national association of urologists, that includes members who practice urology in the state of Connecticut, appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 5625.

Urology is a surgical specialty which deals with diseases of the male and female urinary tract and the male reproductive organs. Urologists perform both minimally-invasive diagnostic and surgical procedures as well as major open surgical procedures. Through our training and experience as surgeons, we have been witnesses to advances in medical technology and the development of new and different surgical instruments and modalities. We know what surgery is and appreciate the need for a definition of surgery that appropriately defines surgery and takes into account these advances and developments.

The AACU supports the proposed definition of surgery contained in HB 5625, and notes that it is consistent with the definition of surgery adopted by the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association House of Delegates. A modern definition of surgery is important because how surgery is defined has implications on scope of practice laws in addition to other laws and regulations that use the term surgery. HB 5625 contains a modern, twenty-first century definition of surgery, and the AACU supports its passage.

The AACU thanks the Public Health Committee for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of HB 5625.