

Please do not effect an entire industry by a poorly worded definition of surgery in this bill. Electrolysis is my choice to cope with living in a society that judges women greatly on their appearance. My electrologist is great and very busy. She is licensed in the state of CT and this should be sufficient oversight.

Also does this bill's wording effect an allopathic Family practice MD or other PCP from performing mole excisions or PAP smears (is scrapping of cells from cervix considered surgery?). Also physical therapists utilize low-level laser therapy (alters the tissue by stimulating and promoting cell activity- does this fit the description of "alteration of tissue"), ultrasound (also alters the tissue).

How about when my primary care physician- not a surgeon- removed the mole off my back in his office? Would he no longer be able to do something like this because he is not a surgeon?

Next, sounds like you need to define who a surgeon is. My brother is a family practice physician. From what I gather, he is allowed to do surgeries in office or in the hospital surgical suite. Would this effect these practitioners?

Since this bill is supported by the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, we must think of their motivations to increase their business while adversely effecting other health care professionals such as PTs, other MDs and electrologists. Would electrologists have to be overseen by surgeons and work out of their offices limiting self-employment options in this state?

What issues has the state of CT had to address that warrant a bill to define surgery? How many health issues have been addressed by the state of CT for licensed electrologists?

What is the underlying purpose of this bill and what are the ancillary impacts if passed?

Please get back to me regarding these questions.

Regards,

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