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TESTIMONY BY THE CONNECTICUT ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE SOCIETY
(CTAPRNS) IN OPPOSITION TO

PROPOSED BILL No. 5625 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Markley, Representative Srinivasan, and Members of the Committee:

In 2013 the Public Health Committee raised bill No. 1038 AAC THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY stating that “surgery means the structural alteration of the human body by an incision of tissue for the purpose of diagnostic or therapeutic treatment of conditions or disease using any instrument causing localized alteration or transposition of live human tissue”. The bill then continues to state for sake of clarity what this definition does NOT include.

By sharp contrast, Bill No. 5625 before you today seems to include all procedures previously excluded, basically affecting approved procedures used in all health care offices by licensed personnel. All health care providers and procedures cannot come under the rubric of surgery without a complete disruption of our health care system and every practice act.

Defining surgery may not be a simple task and is an important task, but it must be done with care and respect of acceptable practice. The motive is to put forth clarity and rightly so - not to undermine existing acceptable practices. Proposed Bill No. 5625 does not achieve a goal of clarity being so excessively broad and its aim in being so excessively broad defies reason and purpose.

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