



**Connecticut Department of Public Health**

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**House Bill 5913: An Act Concerning Persons Who Decontaminate Reusable Medical Instruments or Devices**

The Department of Public Health would like to provide the following information on House Bill 5913 for the committee's consideration.

House Bill 5913 would amend title 19a of the general statutes to require persons who decontaminate, inspect, assemble, or package and sterilize reusable medical instruments or devices in a health care facility meet certain requirements.

Facility staff engaged in decontamination of reusable medical instruments or devices are trained by the licensed facility on proper decontamination procedures and in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Furthermore, the Department is unaware of any accrediting organization that has established uniform requirements for persons involved in medical instrument or device decontamination. It is therefore unclear who would be developing the proposed requirements referenced in the language.

While the intentions of the bill are not clear, should there be a regulatory or enforcement component of this proposal and/or a new licensure category created, the Department would not be able to perform those functions within existing resources.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.