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House Bill #6287 - AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF IMPAIRED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

The Department of Public Health offers the following information on House Bill 6287, which would amend the general statutes to require health care providers to report impaired colleagues to the proper authorities for investigation and treatment.

The Department feels it is important to specify which health care professions enumerated in Title 19a of the general statutes this mandate would apply to. Depending on the breadth of professions identified and the potential for new investigations, the Department may be unable to investigate the number of complaints generated within current resources.

The Department also shares that most health care professions' ethical standards include provisions regarding the reporting of impaired colleagues.

The Department appreciates the spirit of this bill to add further protection the public's health and safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Department's view on this bill.