



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 16

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING AN UNAUTHORIZED PELVIC EXAMINATION
ON A FEMALE PATIENT WHO IS UNDER DEEP SEDATION OR
ANESTHESIA OR UNCONSCIOUS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) No physician licensed
2 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, student in a medical
3 school participating in a course of instruction or person participating
4 in a residency program or clinical training program may perform a
5 pelvic examination on a female patient who is (1) under deep sedation
6 or anesthesia, or (2) unconscious unless (A) the patient or, if the patient
7 is incapacitated, the legal representative of the patient gave informed
8 consent to the pelvic examination, (B) the performance of a pelvic
9 examination is within the scope of the surgical procedure or diagnostic
10 examination to be performed on the patient, or (C) in the case of an
11 unconscious patient, the pelvic examination is required for diagnostic
12 purposes.

13 (b) The Department of Public Health (1) shall investigate any
14 alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section pursuant to
15 subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of section 19a-14 of the general

16 statutes, and (2) if the department determines a violation was
17 committed, may take disciplinary action under section 19a-17 of the
18 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit unauthorized pelvic examinations on female patients who have been administered deep sedation or anesthesia or are unconscious.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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