



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 243

LCO No. 1524



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, 2020*) (a) A 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 in
4 a residency program or clinical training program may perform a pelvic
5 examination on a female patient who is (1) under deep sedation or
6 anesthesia, or (2) unconscious only when (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 alleged
14 violation of subsection (a) of this section pursuant to subdivision (11) of

15 subsection (a) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, and (2) if the
16 department determines a violation was committed, may take
17 disciplinary action under section 19a-17 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
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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.]