



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 285

LCO No. 1906



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) (A) is certified by
3 the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National
4 Healthcareer Association, the National Center for Competency Testing
5 or the American Medical Technologists, and (B) has graduated from a
6 postsecondary medical assisting program (i) accredited by the
7 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the
8 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or another accrediting
9 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education,
10 or (ii) offered by an institution of higher education accredited by an
11 accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
12 Education, or (2) has completed relevant medical assistant training
13 provided by any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

14 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the
15 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant

16 to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice registered
17 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes to any
18 person in any setting other than a hospital setting. Prior to
19 administering a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less than
20 twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of
21 training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of vaccines.
22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an employer of a
23 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to require the
24 physician or advanced practice registered nurse to oversee a medical
25 assistant in the administration of a vaccine without the consent of the
26 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

27 (c) On or before January first annually, the Commissioner of Public
28 Health shall obtain from the American Association of Medical
29 Assistants, the National Healthcareer Association, the National Center
30 for Competency Testing and the American Medical Technologists a
31 listing of all state residents maintained on said organizations' registry of
32 certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such listings
33 available for public inspection.

34 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.

[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.]